

<u>Indian Standard IS 2745:1983 – Your Guide to Non-Metal Helmets for Firemen</u> and Civil Defence Personnel

In high-risk jobs like firefighting and civil defence, helmets play a crucial role in safety, protecting against impacts, heat, and other hazards. A good helmet should offer solid impact protection, be comfortable to wear, and resist fire and electrical risks, keeping the wearer safe in challenging conditions.

Indian Standard IS 2745, developed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), specifies the materials, construction, workmanship, and performance of non-metal helmets intended for firemen and civil defence personnel. These helmets are made with non-metallic materials to meet strict safety standards. The helmet design includes a hard outer shell, padding to absorb impact, a retention system for secure fit, and optional neck protection and visor for extra coverage.

IS 2745 mandates various tests to confirm the helmet's safety. These include **shock absorption and penetration resistance** tests to assess durability in high-impact situations, a **water absorption test** to ensure low water intake, and a **flammability test** to confirm fire resistance. **Electrical resistance tests** also verify the helmet's insulation against electrical hazards.

With the **BIS Standard Mark**, these helmets meet the rigorous requirements of **IS 2745**, ensuring reliable protection for **firemen and civil defence personnel** against physical and environmental hazards.