SEI: The Global Leader in Certifying Products that Help Keep Us Safe and Secure

The Safety Equipment Institute (SEI), a subsidiary of ASTM International, operates an independent, third-party certification program for a wide range of safety and protective products. Over 2,500 certified product models are made by more than 150 manufacturers from all over the world. SEI’s programs are built on the use of high-quality technical standards from ASTM International and several other standards organizations.

Overall, SEI helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of millions of consumers and workers – helping our world work better. Accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC), SEI holds accreditations to the International Organization for Standardization’s ISO/IEC 17065, Conformity Assessment – Requirements for Bodies Certifying Products, Processes and Services. SEI works with testing laboratories that are accredited to ISO/IEC 17025. SEI’s quality assurance auditors have expertise in safety and protective products, complying with ASQ requirements, ISO Guide 19011, and other specific educational criteria.

SEI certification programs include:

- Helmets (industrial and sports-related, including baseball, softball, bicycling, skiing, snowboarding, football, lacrosse, equestrian, bull riding, and polo)
- Safety eyewear, face protectors
- Emergency eyewash and safety shower equipment
- Fall-protection equipment
- Fire service SCBA and rescue tools
- Firefighters’ helmets, boots and gloves for wildland, USAR, proximity and structural firefighting
- Gas detector tube units
- Hazardous materials protective ensembles
- CBRN protective ensembles for general industry and law enforcement
- Bomb suits
- Police and riot head protection
- Law enforcement restraints
- Protective clothing for emergency medical operations
- Personal alert safety systems for firefighters
- Fire service life safety rope
- Protective footwear
- High visibility safety apparel and headwear
- Athletic equipment, including shin guards, gloves, lacrosse balls, equestrian vests, climbing equipment, and baseballs
- Escape smoke hoods
- Thermal imaging cameras

SEI’s programs are built on technical standards. For example, its program for equestrian headgear is based on one of more than 12,000 standards ASTM has developed through its 30,000 members in more than 90 industries, including consumer products. Other programs are based on standards from organizations such as ANSI, the Canadian Standards Association, the National Fire Protection Association, and the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment.

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