

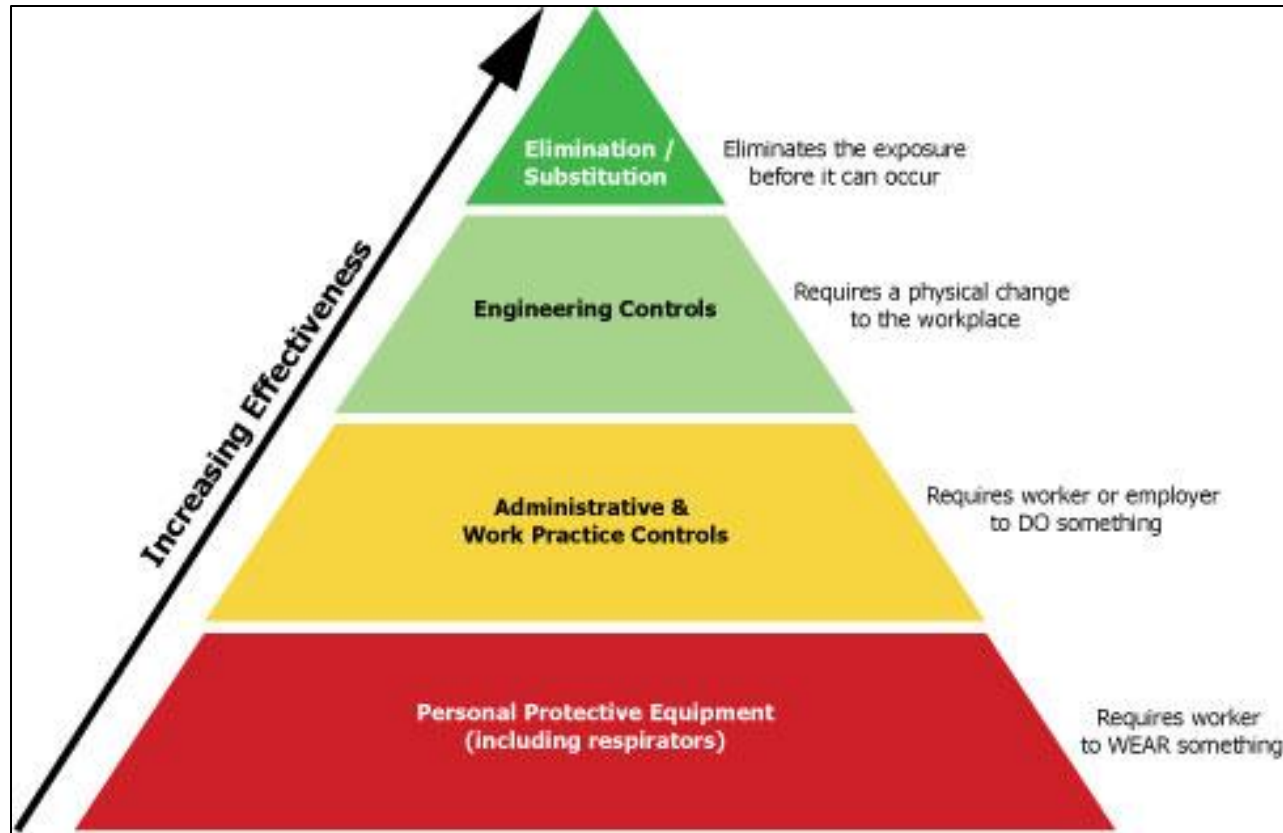
Personal Protection Equipment

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The Hierarchy of Controls



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Hazard: What could cause harm.

Control: Way to mitigate hazard.

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Elimination/Substitution - Best

Elimination/substitution:

- Highest level of protection
- Eliminate hazard from the workplace
- Substitute
 - Use safer item/substance
 - Use same chemical but in a different form; as particle size of a substance decreases, hazard level increases

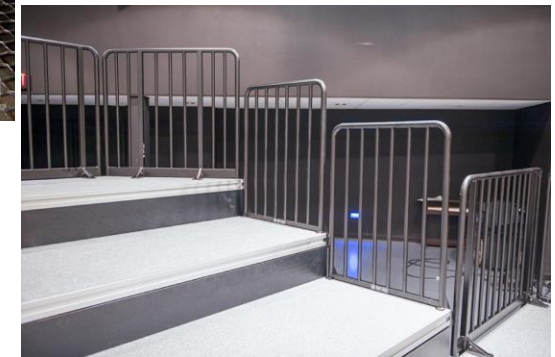


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Engineering – Really good

Engineering controls:

- Physical changes to workplace
- Examples
 - Isolation
 - Ventilation
 - Equipment modification
 - Others



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Administration - Decent

Administrative controls/work practice control:

- Requires worker or employer to do something
- Examples
 - Written proper operating procedures, work permits and safe work practices
 - Inspection and maintenance
 - Housekeeping
 - Monitoring the use of highly hazardous materials
 - Supervision
 - Training
 - Alarms, signs and warnings
 - Regulated areas
 - Limit exposure by time or distance



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PPE: The Last Resort

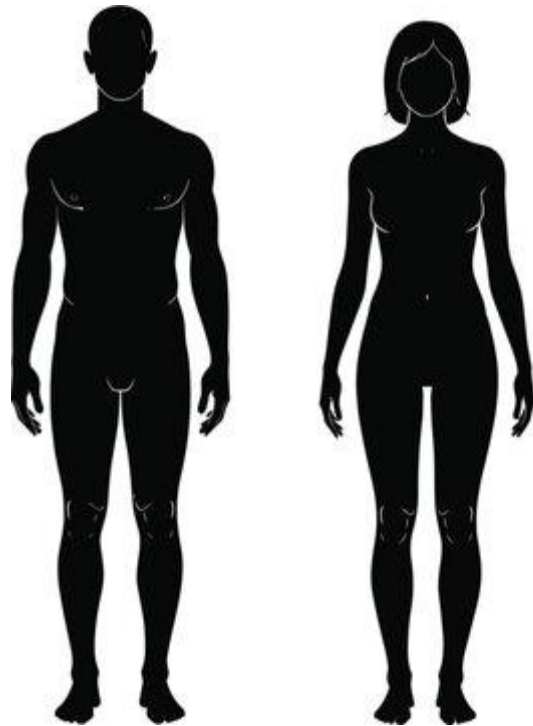


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- Requires worker to wear something
- Examples

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There is a PPE for that.



There are countless styles and types of PPE to protect workers from different hazards.

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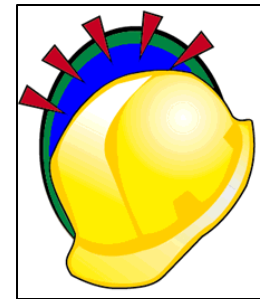
Types of PPE

Head protection:

- Frequent causes of head injuries
 - Falling objects from above striking on the head;
 - Bump head against fixed objects, such as exposed pipes or beams; or
 - Accidental head contact with electrical hazards.



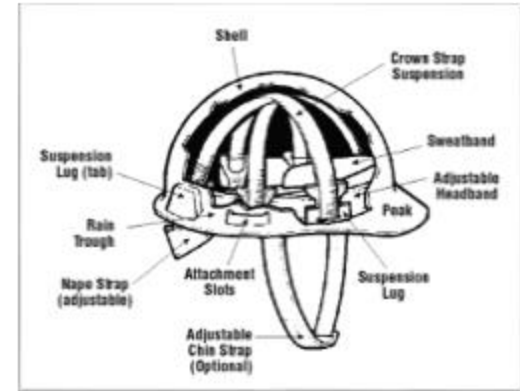
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Types of PPE – Head Protection

- Classes of hard hats:
 - CLASS G (General)
 - Protect against impact, penetration
 - Low-voltage electrical protection (proof-tested to 2,200 volts)



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Types of PPE – Head Protection

- CLASS E (Electrical)
 - Designed for electrical/utility work
 - Protect against falling objects, impact
 - Electrical protection against high-voltage (proof-tested to 20,000 volts)



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Types of PPE – Head Protection

- CLASS C (Conductive)
 - Designed for comfort; offers limited protection
 - Protects heads that may bump against fixed objects
 - Does not protect against falling objects or electrical hazards



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PPE Compliance

- **ANSI Z89.1, 1997**
 - **Type I:** provides protection from objects fall directly on top of the helmet, but not from objects that strike the side, front, or back of the head.
 - **Type II:** provides protection from strikes to the top of the head and also provides protection from blows to the sides, front, and back of the head. More suitable for workers who are not always in a standing position



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Types of PPE – Eye and Face

Eye and face protection:



Safety glasses



Safety goggles



Face shield



Welding face shield

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Types of PPE – Eye and Face

- Common causes of eye injuries
 - Chemical splashes
 - Blood or OPIM splashes or sprays
 - Intense light
 - Dust and other flying particles
 - Molten metal splashes



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Types of PPE – Eye and Face

- Eye and face protection – must comply with
 - ANSI Z87.1-2003, or
 - ANSI Z87.1-1989 (R-1998)



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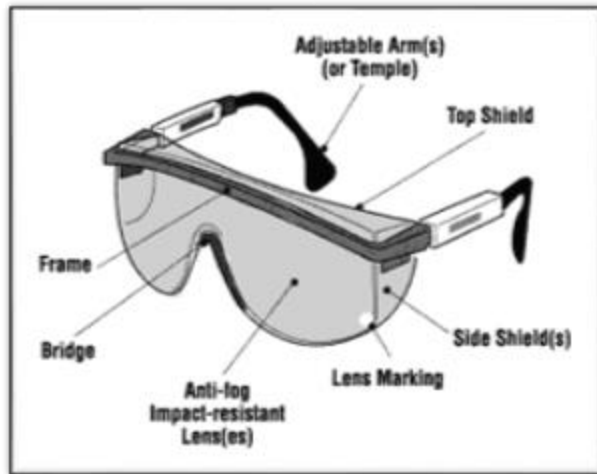
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Types of PPE – Eye and Face

- Selecting eye and face protection – elements to consider:
 - Ability to protect against workplace hazards
 - Should fit properly
 - Should provide unrestricted vision and movement
 - Durable and cleanable
 - Allow unrestricted functioning of other PPE



Types of PPE - Safety glasses



- Used to protect against moderate impacts from particles

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Types of PPE

- Prescription glasses
 - Employees who use prescription glasses while performing operations with potential eye hazards must use eye protection that:
 - Incorporates the prescription in its design, **or**
 - Can be used over your prescription glasses without interfering with the proper positioning of the prescription glasses or goggles

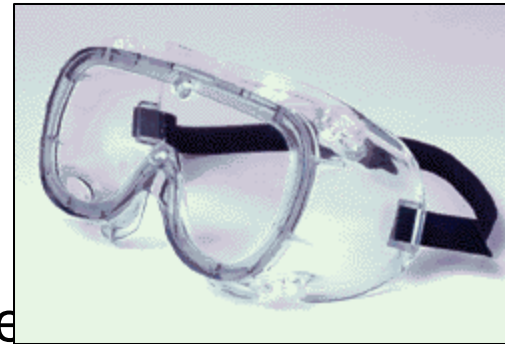


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Types of PPE - Goggles

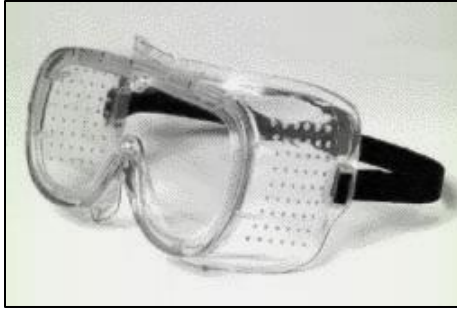
- Protect eyes, and the facial area immediately surrounding the eyes from impact, dust, splashes.
- Some can be used over corrective lenses, if they fit them.



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Types of PPE - Goggles



Direct-ventilated

- Resist direct passage of large particles into the goggle
- Prevents fogging by allowing air circulation



Indirect-ventilated

- Prevents fogging by allowing air circulation
- Protects against liquid or chemical splash entry



Non-ventilated

- Does not allow the passage of air into the goggle
- Prevents splash entry
- May fog and require frequent lens cleaning

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Types of PPE – Face Shields

- Face shields
 - Protect face from nuisance dusts and potential splashes or sprays of hazardous liquids
 - Shields do not protect from impact hazards unless so rated
 - Shields are for face protection, not eye protection. To protect the eyes, wear safety glasses with side shields, or goggles under the face shield.



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Types of PPE

- Welding shields
 - Protect eyes from burns caused by:
 - Infrared light
 - Intense radiant light
 - Protect eyes and face from flying sparks, metal spatter, and slag chips



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Types of PPE - Laser safety goggles

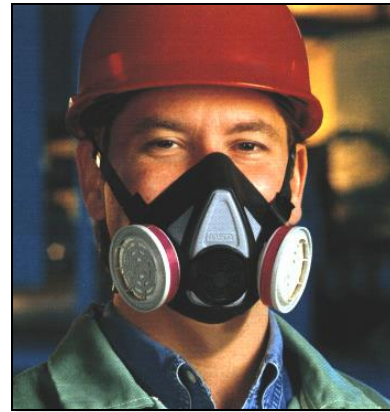
- Provide protection from hazards:
 - physical contact such as flying particles
 - ultraviolet light, laser, and welding



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Types of PPE - Respiratory Protection



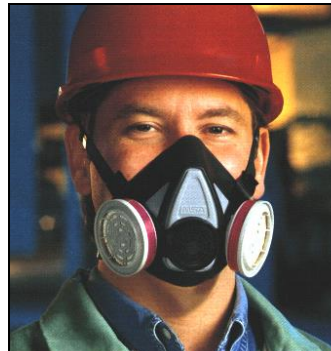
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Types of PPE - APRs

- Types of respirators
 - **Air-Purifying (APR)** – remove contaminants from air
 - Particulate respirators
 - Chemical cartridge/ gas mask respirator
 - Powered Air-Purifying Respirator (PAPR)



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Types of PPE – SCBA & SAR

- **Atmosphere-Supplying** – provide clean, breathable air
 - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
 - Supplied-Air Respirator (SAR)



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Types of PPE – Respirators

- Medical evaluation
 - Before fit tests are conducted and employee is authorized the use of a respirator, a medical evaluation must be provide to determine the ability of the employee to use a respirator.
 - Identify a physician or other license health care professional (PLHCP) to perform medical evaluations using a medical questionnaire or an initial medical evaluation with which the same information is obtained.



Types of PPE - Respirators

- Inspecting and cleaning respirators
 - Inspect all respirators for wear and tear before and after each use
 - Wash in a detergent solution; then, disinfect by immersing in a sanitizing solution



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Types of PPE- Storing respirators



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- Protect against dust, sunlight, heat, extreme cold, excessive moisture, and damaging chemicals
- Store in position to retain natural configuration



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Types of PPE - Hearing protection:

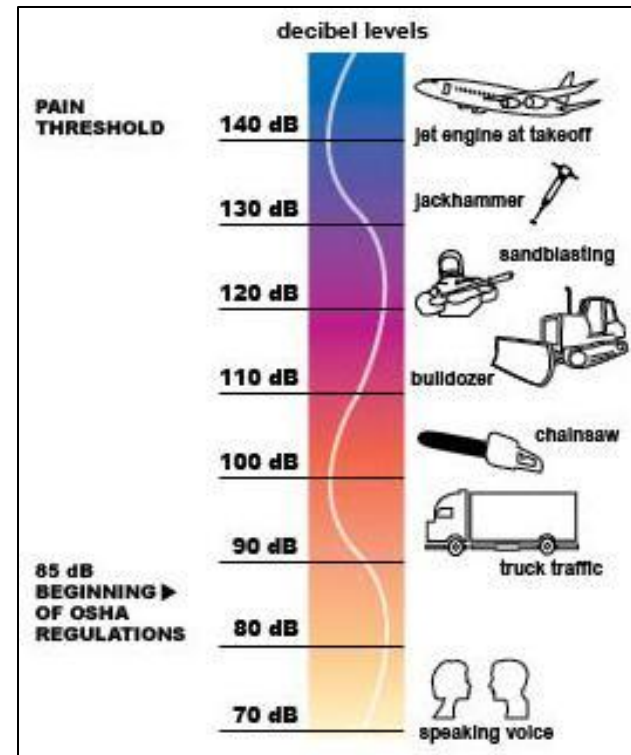


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Types of PPE

- Exposure to noise levels over 85 dB can cause hearing loss
- Hearing protection required at 90 dB
- Implement effective Hearing Conservation Program



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Types of PPE

Permissible Noise Exposure 29 CFR 1910.95(b)(1)	
Duration per Day (hours)	Sound Level (dBA)
8	90
6	92
4	95
3	97
2	100
1	105
1/2	110
1/4	115

- The employer must provide ear protection when the noise level in the work area is greater than indicated in this table.

Impact noise should not exceed 140 dB

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Types of PPE

- Examples of hearing protection:
 - Disposable foam plugs
 - Molded ear plugs
 - Noise-cancelling ear plugs
 - Ear muffs
- Consider Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) of devices



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How to Don Foam Earplugs

How To Wear Soft Foam Earplugs

To get the best protection from your soft foam earplugs, remember to **roll**, **pull**, and **hold** when putting them in. Use clean hands to keep from getting dirt and germs into your ears!



- 1. Roll** the earplug up into a small, thin "snake" with your fingers. You can use one or both hands.



- 2. Pull** the top of your ear up and back with your opposite hand to straighten out your ear canal. The rolled-up earplug should slide right in.



- 3. Hold** the earplug in with your finger. Count to 20 or 30 out loud while waiting for the plug to expand and fill the ear canal. Your voice will sound muffled when the plug has made a good seal.

Check the fit when you're all done. Most of the foam body of the earplug should be within the ear canal. Try cupping your hands tightly over your ears. If sounds are much more muffled with your hands in place, the earplug may not be sealing properly. Take the earplug out and try again.

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Types of PPE - Hand protection

- Potential hazards for hands
 - Skin absorption of hazardous substances
 - Lacerations or severe cuts
 - Punctures
 - Chemical burns
 - Thermal burns
 - Extreme temperatures



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Types of Glove



Anti-vibration



Chemical-resistant



Leather Palm



Permeation-resistant



Heat-resistant



Cut-resistant

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Types of PPE – Foot & Leg Protection

- Causes of foot injuries:
 - Falling or rolling of heavy objects
 - Crushing or penetrating materials
 - Sharp objects that can penetrate the sole
 - Exposure to molten metal
 - Working on, or around, hot, wet, or slippery surfaces
 - Working when electrical hazards are present.

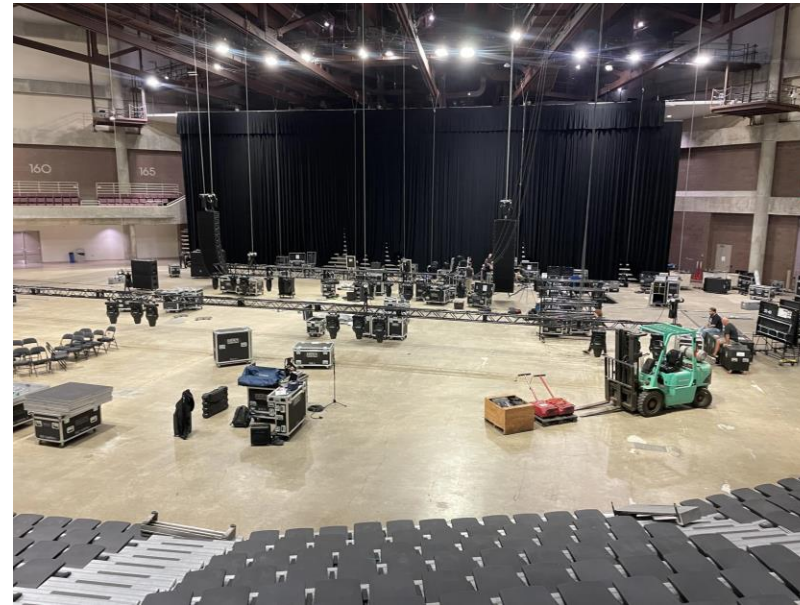


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Types of PPE - Foot & Leg Protection

- Conditions requiring foot protection
 - Impacts
 - Compressions
 - Cuts/punctures
 - Chemicals
 - Temperatures



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Types of PPE - Foot & Leg Protection

- Examples of foot and leg protection
 - Impact-resistant toe and/or instep
 - Steel
 - Composite
 - Heat-resistant soles
 - Metal shanks
 - Specialty footwear may be needed
 - Metatarsal guards
 - Liquid- or chemical-resistant
 - Conductive or nonconductive



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Types of PPE - Foot Protection

- Protective footwear must comply with any of the following consensus standards:
 - ANSI Z41.1 – 1991 - "American National Standard for Personal Protection -- Protective Footwear,"
 - ASTM F-2412 – 2005 – “ Standard Test Methods for Foot Protection”
 - ASTM F-2413 – 2005 – “Standard Specification for Performance Requirements for Protective Footwear”



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Types of PPE - Foot Protection

- Protection from hazards
 - Shoes with metal toe-cap protects against knocks, falling objects
 - Rubber shoes protect against chemical materials, as directed by the SDS



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Types of PPE - Foot Protection



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Types of PPE – Body Protection

Body protection –
protective clothing:



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Types of PPE - Body Protection

- Provide protective clothing for those parts of the body exposed to possible injuries
- Types of body protection
 - Laboratory coats
 - Coveralls
 - Vests
 - Jackets
 - Aprons
 - Surgical gowns
 - Full-body suits



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Types of PPE - - Body Protection

- Selection of body protection – variety of materials effective against particular hazard
 - Paper-like fiber – dust and splashes
 - Treated wool and cotton – fire-resistant; dust, abrasions, rough/irritating surfaces
 - Duck – cuts, bruises
 - Leather – dry heat, flames
 - Rubber, rubberized fabrics, neoprene, and plastics – certain chemicals and physical hazards



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Training Requirements

- Each employee who is required to use PPE must be trained to know:
 - When PPE is necessary
 - What PPE is necessary
 - How to properly put on, take off, adjust, and wear the PPE
 - The limitation of the PPE
 - Proper care, maintenance, useful life, and disposal of PPE



Responsibilities - Employer

- The **employer** is required to:
 - Perform hazard assessment
 - Provide appropriate PPE
 - Train employees
 - Maintain/replace PPE
 - Review/update/evaluate PPE Program



Responsibilities - Employer

- The **employer** is required to **pay for PPE** used to comply with OSHA standards, such as:
 - Metatarsal foot protection
 - Rubber boots with steel toes
 - Non-prescription eye protection
 - Prescription eyewear inserts/lenses for full face respirators
 - Goggles and face shields
 - Fire fighting PPE
 - Hard hats
 - Hearing protection
 - Welding PPE



Responsibilities - Employer

- Employer payment **exemptions**
 - Non-specialty safety-toe protective footwear and non-specialty prescription safety eyewear
 - Everyday clothing
 - Ordinary clothing, skin creams, or other items, used solely for protection from weather
 - Consumer safety items worn by food workers
 - Lifting belts
 - When employee lost or intentionally damaged PPE



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Responsibilities - Employee

- The **employee** is required to:
 - Properly wear PPE
 - Attend PPE training
 - Care for, clean, and maintain PPE
 - Inform supervisor of needs for repair/replacement



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