



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Equipment worn to minimize exposure to hazards that cause serious workplace injuries and illnesses.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT MAY INCLUDE ITEMS SUCH AS:

1. **Gloves** - protect against hazards such as those from absorption of harmful substances through skin; severe cuts or lacerations; severe abrasions; punctures; chemical burns; thermal burns; and harmful temperature extremes.
2. **Safety glasses** - protection for when exposed to eye hazards from flying particles, molten metal, liquid chemicals, acids or caustic liquids, gases or vapors or potentially injurious light radiation.
3. **Safety shoes** - protection when working in areas where there is a danger of foot injuries due to falling or rolling objects, or objects piercing the sole, or when the use of protective footwear will protect the affected employee from an electrical hazard, such as a static-discharge or electric-shock hazard.
4. **Earplugs or muffs** - protection against the effects of excessive noise.
5. **Hard hats** - protection against falling objects.
6. **Respirators** - protection against environments with insufficient oxygen, harmful dust, fog, smoke, mist, gases, vapors, and sprays.
7. **Coveralls, vests, and full body suits** - protects against absorption of harmful substances through skin; severe cuts or lacerations; severe abrasions; punctures; chemical burns; thermal burns; harmful temperature extremes; and provides visibility at night.

COMMON TYPES OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:



Employers determine when personal protective equipment is required based on a job hazard analysis conducted for each job tasks. Example: Handling bleach or cleaning products would require splash goggles, gloves or face shield.

Care for personal protective equipment is cleaning personal equipment, storing personal protective equipment properly, and replacing damaged personal protective equipment.

Maintenance of personal protective equipment includes but is not limited to changing straps, replacing lens, repairing, or following the manufacturer's instructions for maintenance of personal protective equipment.

Personal Protective Equipment should be stored in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations. Possible means of storage include: a zip lock bag, in a closed toolbox drawer, in a plastic tote, locker, or in a closable container to prevent damage and build-up of dirt and debris.



The overall standards regarding personal protective equipment are in 29 CFR 1910.132. However, there are more specific standards that would cover details on the different types of personal protective equipment. Learn more: www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.132

I understand the information presented and the importance of using personal protective equipment.

COMPANY: _____
EMPLOYEE NAME:

DATE: _____
EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE:

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