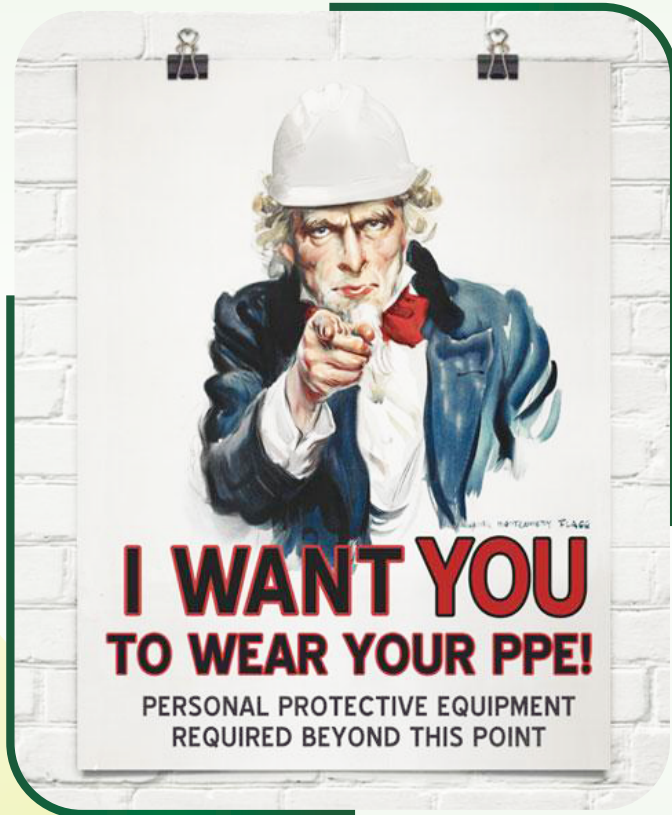


Posters and other relevant signs should be placed as a reminder to workers. Demonstration in the use of appropriate wear for a particular type of job would be an asset.



MAINTENANCE.

All Personal Protective Equipment should be properly maintained at all times to ensure adequate protection when used. They should be inspected prior to each use and checked for wear and tear at reasonable intervals. Employees should follow the manufacturers' recommendations for equipment maintenance

Personal Protective clothing and equipment are still only a last line of defense and will not eliminate hazards, so controlling them at source is always preferable for safety.

To be effective, PPE of the right type for the job, it must fit properly and be regularly maintained.

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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Are YOU protected?

WHAT IS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT?

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is equipment that is used to protect workers against injury to the body, inhalation of dust and harmful substances. It also protects their clothes and may be classified according to the materials from which it is made or the type of hazard against which protection is guaranteed.

It can be of different design and type, suitable to the type of work or trade the worker is engaged in. The material should be suitable, light in weight, allowing freedom of movement, self-ventilating and impermeable to all substances against which protection is guaranteed or recommended.

WHAT ARE THE VARIOUS TYPES OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT?

There are many types of personal protective equipment, such as thermal, waterproof, flame resistant and many others. Personal Protective Equipment can be disposable or re-usable.

The following is a listing of the parts of the body that may require protection on the job depending on the type of occupation. This list also includes the various types of protective equipment.

HEAD.

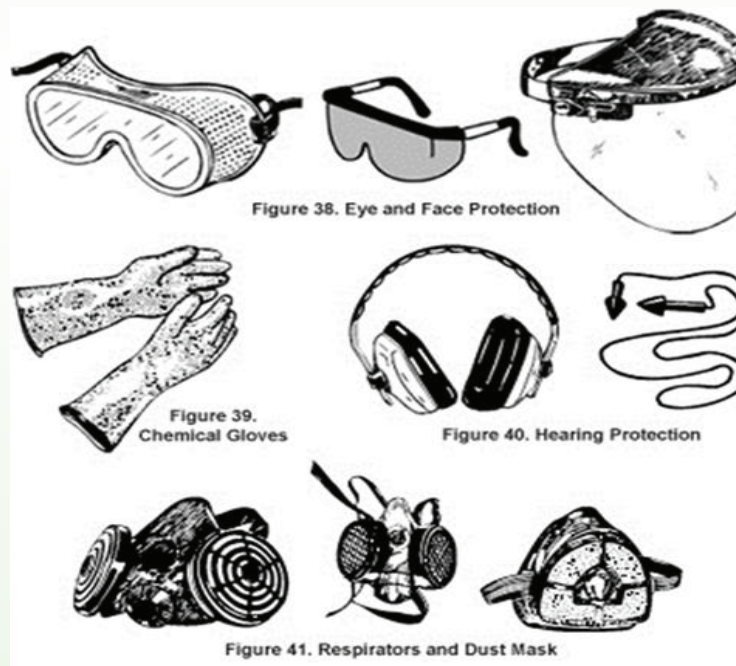
Helmets, bump caps, eye shield, ear muffs or plugs, spectacles, goggles, face shields, respirators etc, are used to protect all parts from head to neck.

BODY

Overalls, coats, aprons etc.

LIMB

Gloves, finger guards, sleeves for the hand and steel cap boots and shoes and leggings for the feet.



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OCCUPATION THAT REQUIRE THE WEARING OF HEAD PROTECTION?

The occupations in which employees should be required to wear head protection include construction workers, carpenters, electricians, linemen, plumbers and pipefitters, timber and log cutters, welders, among many others.

Whenever there is a danger of objects falling from above, such as working below others who are using tools or working under a conveyor belt, head protection must be worn. Hard hats must be worn with the bill forward to protect employees properly.

HOW ARE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT USED?

These are used to give full protection to workers at all levels against where there are needs to protect them against injury/disease.

Workers should be properly briefed about the importance of using personal protective equipment when performing their duties