

Safety Talk: Hard Hats

Background Info

This talk can be used by industry or construction supervisors to explain to workers why they must use hard hats and how to use them correctly. For more information see:

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/personalprotectiveequipment/index.html>

OSHA Requirements

- Remember, Personal Protective equipment such as hard hats, is always a “last resort” to protect worker safety and health. Remove as many overhead or bump hazards as possible.
 - OSHA requires employees working in areas where there is a possible danger of head injury from impact, or from falling or flying objects to wear a protective helmet.
 - OSHA requires employees who work where there is danger of electrical shock and burns to wear a protective helmet rated for the potential voltage.
 - OSHA requires these protective helmets meet the standards of the American National Standards Institute. Look for the ANSI Z89.1 – 2003 notation on your hard hat to be sure it meets OSHA requirements.
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Our Company Requires

Here the supervisor should remind workers about their own required hard hat use. Be sure to include the following info:

- When and where hard hats are required.
 - If hard hats will be provided.
 - Who to tell when your hard hats are worn or damaged.
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Basic Safety Rules

Here is a list of recommended practices. Be sure to add any others required by your company.

- Always wear hard hats when work is being performed over head, or where there is the possibility of being knocked in the head.
 - Always wear hard hats when working in tight spaces and under low hanging structure.
 - Hard hats should be worn properly to be effective.
 - Never wear baseball caps, knit caps or “hoodies” under your hard hats.
 - Always inspect your hard hat before you put it on.
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What's Wrong?



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Yes, I Was Listening

Sign below if you can tell everyone on this worksite:

- 1) Why we wear hard hats
- 2) When to wear hard hats, and
- 3) About the basic safety rules for hard hats:

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