
Safety Talk: Personal Protective Equipment

Background Info

This talk can be used by industry or construction supervisors to explain to workers why they must use Personal Protective Equipment and how to use it correctly. For more information see:

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

OSHA Requirements

- PPE is always a “last resort” to protect worker safety and health
 - OSHA has many PPE requirements including basic requirements for head, face, eyes, hand and breathing protection
 - OSHA requires companies to identify hazards and require suitable PPE
 - OSHA sometimes requires that the company pay for the PPE
 - OSHA requires that employees keep their PPE clean & in good shape.
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Our Company Requirements

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

- All PPE required
 - Times when special PPE will be required
 - If PPE will be provided to the worker
 - If PPE is damaged or defective who should be told.
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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 know the proper way to wear and use your PPE – read manufacturer’s instructions
 - Don’t modify your PPE
 - Always keep your PPE clean and store it in a clean place
 - Always inspect your PPE before putting it on.
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Safety Talk: Hearing Protection, Continued

What's Wrong?



Who Was Listening?

Sign below if you can tell everyone on this worksite:

- 1) why we wear PPE
- 2) what kind we use, and
- 3) about the basic safety rules for PPE:

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