

# CHOOSING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



## All personal protective equipment is not created equal!

Manufacturers make many different styles, sizes, and models of safety eyewear, gloves, safety shoes, respirators, hard hats, and protective clothing. If it doesn't fit or hurts you to wear it, let your supervisor know! There is probably another type of device that will do the trick.

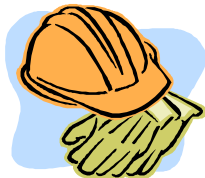
## Your employer has chosen PPE based on the following:

- The hazards of the job (i.e. flying sparks, chemical vapors)
- The methods used to perform the job (i.e. working overhead, working over water)
- The environment in which the job is done (i.e. dirty, hot, confined space)

### **\* Your responsibilities when PPE is required.\***

- #1 Always wear PPE when it has been specified for the job you are performing.
- #2 NEVER USE DAMAGED OR DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT.
- #3 Always inspect your PPE before putting it on.
- #4 Always clean your PPE before you put it away for the day. Most devices can be cleaned with warm soapy water or a damp cloth.
- #5 Always store your personal protective equipment where it will not be damaged or collect dirt.
- #6 Dispose of worn or damaged PPE properly so others may not use it accidentally.
- #7 Before you use a new piece of equipment, you must be trained in the safe use and limitations of the device

Take a few minutes to review the PPE required for your job.



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