

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - Employee Handout 29 CFR 1910.132(f)

KEY DECISIONS TO REMEMBER

PPE is the last line, not the first

Eliminate/substitute/engineer hazards when feasible before relying on PPE.

Hazard assessment and selection

Match eye, face, head, hand, foot, hearing, respiratory or protective clothing needs to the hazard.

Fit and correct use

Employees must know when PPE is required and what type is required.

Inspection and care

Inspect before use for cracks, cuts, contamination, worn straps, clouded lenses or other damage.

Limitations

Gloves can be dangerous around rotating equipment if inappropriate for the task.

Demonstrate understanding

Employees should demonstrate understanding and ability before performing work requiring PPE.

STOP / ASK FOR HELP WHEN

- PPE is damaged, contaminated or poorly fitting
- Employee cannot explain what the PPE protects against
- Two PPE items interfere with each other
- PPE is being used instead of a feasible higher-level control without evaluation

OUR SITE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- Review the site PPE hazard assessment
- Show required PPE by area/task and any specific ratings
- Demonstrate fit, inspection, cleaning/storage and replacement
- Cover prescription eyewear, facial hair/respirators, chemical compatibility or specialty PPE as applicable