



Personal protective equipment

Why PPE?

Hazards exist in every workplace in many different forms: sharp edges, falling objects, flying sparks, chemicals, noise and a myriad of other potentially dangerous situations. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that employers protect their employees from workplace hazards that can cause injury.

The Requirement for PPE

To ensure the greatest possible protection for employees in the workplace, the **cooperative** efforts of both employers and employees will help in establishing and maintaining a safe and healthful work environment.

In general, employers are responsible for:

- Performing a “hazard assessment” of the workplace to identify and control physical and health hazards.
- Identifying and providing appropriate PPE for employees.
- Training employees in the use and care of the PPE.
- Maintaining PPE, including replacing worn or damaged PPE

The Requirement for PPE

In general, employees should:

- Properly wear PPE,
- Attend training sessions on PPE,
- Care for, clean and maintain PPE, and
- Inform a supervisor of the need to repair or replace PPE.



Components of PPE

➤ Gloves

Gloves help protect you when directly handling potentially infectious materials or contaminated surfaces.

➤ Gowns

Gowns help protect you from the contamination of clothing with potentially infectious material.

➤ Shoe and Head Covers

Shoe and head covers provide a barrier against possible exposure within a contaminated environment.



Components of PPE

➤ **Masks and Respirators**

Surgical masks help protect your nose and mouth from splattered of body fluids, respirators filter the air before you inhale it.

➤ **Other Face and Eye Protection**

Goggles help protect only your eyes from splatters. A face shield provides splatter protection to facial skin, eyes, nose, and mouth.



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