

Be smart. Be safe. Wear your PPE!

IF YOU DON'T, YOU MIGHT:

- Get a head injury.
- Damage or lose your eyesight.
- Have hearing loss.
- Damage your lungs.
- Get a serious cut or puncture wound.
- Lose a finger or toe.
- Get an electric shock or burn.
- Break a bone.
- Be hit by a vehicle.
- Be unable to work temporarily or forever.
- Die.

SET THE EXAMPLE!

- Always use PPE when required.
- Attend PPE training.
- Tell your supervisor about worn or damaged PPE.
- Encourage others to use PPE.

WHAT IS PPE?

Personal protective equipment, or PPE, protects workers from serious workplace injuries or illnesses resulting from physical, electrical, mechanical, chemical, or other workplace hazards. Examples of PPE include hard hats, face shields, goggles, gloves, vests, respirators, safety shoes, and coveralls.

EMPLOYERS MUST PROTECT THEIR WORKERS

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that employers protect their employees from workplace hazards that can cause injury. Employers must ensure that employees have PPE equipment in accordance with federal OSHA and Minnesota state standards. In Minnesota, employers must pay for all PPE required for employees to perform their jobs safely. Talk to your supervisor if you have questions.

Learn more: mnltap.umn.edu/PPE



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