

PPE

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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POCKET GUIDE



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WHAT IS PPE?

Personal protective equipment, or PPE, protects workers from serious workplace injuries or illnesses.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT TYPE OF PPE

- Use the right types for different work settings and conditions.
- Verify that all PPE is OSHA-approved.
- Talk to your supervisor and see mnltap.umn.edu/PPE for more information.

SET THE EXAMPLE!

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

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BRUSHING (brush cutter use)

Required PPE

- Eye protection
- Face protection
- Foot protection
- Hearing protection
- Hard hat (during overhead / over-shoulder work)
- High-visibility vest (tear away)
- Long sleeves

Recommended PPE

- Hand protection
- Chaps pants

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CHAINSAW

Required PPE

- Eye protection
- Face protection (screen)
- Foot protection
- Hearing protection
- Hard hat
- High-visibility vest
- Chaps pants

Recommended PPE

- Hand protection

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CRACK FILLING

Required PPE

- Eye protection
- Foot protection
- Hand protection
- Hearing protection (over 85 dB noise levels)
- High-visibility vest

Recommended PPE

- High-visibility soft hat
- Long sleeves
- Coveralls

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GUARDRAIL REPAIR

Required PPE

- Eye protection
- Face protection
- Foot protection
- Hard hat
- High-visibility vest
- Respirator (cutting galvanized)

Recommended PPE

- Hand protection
- Hearing protection

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FLAGGING

Required PPE

- Foot protection
- High-visibility vest
- High-visibility pants (in right-of-way)

Recommended PPE

- High-visibility soft hat

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HERBICIDE SPRAYING

Required PPE

- Eye protection
- Face protection
- Foot protection
- Hand protection
- High-visibility vest

Recommended PPE

- High-visibility soft hat

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MOWING

Required PPE

- Eye protection
- Foot protection
- Hearing protection (over 85 dB noise levels)
- High-visibility vest

Recommended PPE

- Face protection
- Hand protection
- High-visibility soft hat

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PATCHING

Required PPE

- Eye protection
- Foot protection
- Hearing protection (over 85 dB noise levels)
- High-visibility vest

Recommended PPE

- Hand protection
- High-visibility soft hat
- Long sleeves
- Coveralls

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CULVERT REPAIR / INSTALLATION

Required PPE

- Foot protection
- Hard hat (high visibility)
- High-visibility vest

Recommended PPE

- Eye protection
- Hand protection
- High-visibility soft hat

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SHOULDER WORK

Required PPE

- Foot protection
- High-visibility vest

Recommended PPE

- Eye protection
- Hand protection
- High-visibility soft hat

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ROAD DEBRIS HANDLING

Required PPE

- Eye protection
- Foot protection
- Hand protection
- High-visibility vest

Recommended PPE

- High-visibility soft hat

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SIGN INSTALLATION & REPAIR

Required PPE

- Eye protection
- Foot protection
- Hearing protection (over 85 dB noise levels)
- Hard hat (high visibility)
- High-visibility vest
- Respirator (cutting galvanized)
- Harness lanyard

Recommended PPE

- Hand protection

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SURVEYING

Required PPE

- Foot protection
- High-visibility vest (in right-of-way)

Recommended PPE

- High-visibility soft hat

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TREE & BRUSH CHIPPING

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- Hearing protection
- Hard hat (high visibility)
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TRIMMING

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- Eye protection
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- Foot protection
- Hearing protection
- Hard hat
- High-visibility vest
- Long sleeves
- Harness lanyard

Recommended PPE

- Hand protection

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WORKING ON ROW: DAYLIGHT

Required PPE

- Foot protection
- Hard hat
- High-visibility vest

Recommended PPE

- Eye protection
- High-visibility soft hat

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WORKING ON ROW: LOW LIGHT

Required PPE

- Foot protection
- Hard hat
- High-visibility vest
- High-visibility pants

Recommended PPE

- Eye protection
- High-visibility soft hat

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