



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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General Information

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is an essential part of a safe working environment. Ideally all risks would be eliminated, but that isn't always possible.



Who needs PPE?

- Anyone who works with hazards in the workplace, directly or indirectly.
- Ask your supervisor if you are unsure if you need PPE.

What do you need?

- A [PPE Assessment](#) for your job title, workplace, or task should be available from your supervisor.
 - This document shows what PPE you need while at work.
- Required PPE should be provided and readily available to you.
- Proper use and storage are critical to its effectiveness and your safety.

When and Where do you need it?

- PPE is used when elimination, substitution, engineering controls, and administrative controls are not able to protect an employee from a hazard.
- Refer to the [PPE Assessment](#) for when and where it is needed.
- Follow all signage, SOPs, and warnings throughout the workplace.

Why do you need it?

- PPE is your defense against hazards in the workplace that cannot be eliminated.
- PPE, when used correctly, ensures your safety in the workplace.



Discussion Date:

Supervisor:

Participants: