

Introduction: Personal protective equipment is required for almost all work tasks on a construction jobsite. Utility excavations, installs and repairs require – at a minimum – protective footwear, eye protection, head protection, high visibility workwear and hearing protection. All employees must know the company expectations for wearing personal protective equipment, and how to store & take care of it. Employees must know the company policy regarding damaged, replacement or lost protective equipment.

BE SAFE!!!

GENERAL PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT RULES:

- Don't throw P.P.E. around or leave it to be damaged.
- When you're back in the truck, take a few extra seconds to tidy up your workwear and protective equipment.
- Keep extra P.P.E. in the truck for when an employee loses, damages or wears out their gear.
- Make sure everyone on the jobsite is wearing their gear.
- Noise – protect your hearing when working with any tools that require you to "raise your voice" when they're being used. Once you lose your hearing, it will not come back through surgery or therapy.
- Eyes – protect your eyesight whenever using any tools or equipment that could throw a chip at your face. Safety glasses, face shields and goggles prevent injuries.
- Head – protect your skull & brain from objects that can fall, like overhead raised loads or machine buckets. Remember that a brain injury can be debilitating and can easily cause death.
- Feet – protect your toes and feet from heavy, dropped or rolling objects. Remember that hip, knee, leg and feet injuries can negatively impact your entire life. When you can't walk well, your health can be severely challenged.
- Whole body – when working in traffic or on congested jobsites, please wear high-visibility garments like vests and jackets. Drivers and machine operators need to see you!
- Do you wear specialized protective equipment?
 - Flame-resistant gear for high voltage work?
 - Fall arrest gear in bucket trucks?
 - Does your HDD (horizontal directional drilling) rig require specific P.P.E.?

MORE THOUGHTS ON PROTECTIVE SAFETY GEAR:

- What is your company policy regarding P.P.E.?
- What happens when an employee is discovered working without P.P.E.?
- What would OSHA see if they drove by YOUR jobsite?
- Owner's manuals will outline the proper P.P.E. needed for safe operation of the tool, machine or equipment.
- Using a chemical? Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (S.D.S.) for P.P.E. recommendations BEFORE using the chemical.



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HOSE BREAKS,
OR IF A TOOL
KICKS BACK?
ARE YOU
PROTECTING
YOURSELF
BY WEARING
SAFETY GEAR?**

DATE OF TRAINING	INSTRUCTOR NAME
COMPANY NAME	LOCATION OF TRAINING
PARTICIPANT NAMES	
SAFETY MEETING NOTES	

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