



Personal Protective Equipment

Are your workers fully protected? According to OSHA, employers must provide a hazard-free environment and personal protective clothing and equipment for employees.

Background

"On-the-job" injuries affect all types of people doing all types of work. Each year over 570,000 workers are injured.., at a cost to employers of over one hundred billion dollars annually.

However, studies have shown that the great majority of these workplace injuries could have been prevented if proper safety procedures and workplace practices had been followed.

A major part of avoiding accidents and injuries is the use of Personal Protective Equipment. Unfortunately, many people are not mindful of the hazards in their work areas or are not familiar with the Personal Protective Equipment that is available to them. And many employees who are aware that Personal Protective Equipment is available do not know how to select the appropriate equipment for their jobs.

Objectives

This training program is designed to present information on the nature of PPE and to help employees reduce or eliminate potential injuries in their work environments. Upon completion of the program, employees should:

- Know how to inspect their workplace and analyze their job function to determine what potential hazards exist.
- Recognize what category of Personal Protective Equipment is needed in various hazard situations.
- Know what types of equipment within each category are most appropriate for the various types of hazards that they may encounter.
- Know how to analyze those hazards and decide what categories of Personal Protective Equipment would be appropriate.
- Be able to select the particular type of protective equipment (in each category) most applicable to each task they perform.

