

Work Safe Bulletin

Personal Protective Equipment

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Background:

The use of Personal Protective Equipment [PPE] is essential to protect your health and safety while working in the construction industry.

Considerations:

The choice of personal protective equipment generally depends upon the work being performed. Each work operation has unique characteristics that require careful consideration. To reduce the possibility of an incident or illness, it is recommended that the following be considered:

1. Workers must wear the necessary PPE to protect their health and safety at all times. Some job sites have requirements that exceed the minimum requirements and these site specific requirements shall also be followed at all times.
2. Owners, constructors, employers, supervisors and workers must share responsibility for safety by following the Duties noted in Part III of OHSA.
3. Workers must be trained on how to select, care for and use the appropriate PPE properly.
4. The materials Safety Data Sheet (SDS) shall be read prior to working with any material. The specified PPE shall be worn at all times and by all workers who may be affected by the installation of the material.
5. Follow the equipment manufacturer's operating instructions at all times.
6. Safety vests shall be worn by all workers who are in the vicinity of equipment and vehicle operations. Workers shall communicate their intent to the operator of a working piece of equipment prior to starting work and shall remain diligent to avoid being struck by an operating machine at all times (use a signaler to direct vehicular traffic).
7. Suitable and effective respirators shall be worn during any operations which emits dust or airborne contaminants.
8. Workers who are exposed to loud noise (>85db) shall wear suitable hearing protection. See Ontario Reg. 381 - *Noise*
9. Advise adjacent workers of any risk of exposure to hazards created by the work.
10. See your supervisor immediately if you are uncertain about any health hazards or have any safety concerns.

Further references:

- [Occupational Health and Safety Act.](#)
- [Ontario Regulation for Construction Projects.](#)
- [Ontario Regulation 833 Control & Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents.](#)
- [Infrastructure Health & Safety Association](#)

