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TOPIC C336: PPE REQUIREMENTS

Introduction: Hazards exist in every workplace, from sharp edges, falling objects, flying sparks, chemicals, noise, and a host of other potentially dangerous situations. Personal protective equipment (PPE), is equipment you wear to reduce your exposure to a variety of hazards. PPE includes such items as gloves, foot and eye protection, protective hearing devices (earplugs/muffs), hard hats, respirators, and full body suits.

Hazard Mitigation:

Controlling a hazard at its source is the best protection method. Using engineering or work practice controls to manage or eliminate hazards is always recommended. Remember, PPE is considered the line of defense. To understand the types of PPE you may need at work, you should know the basics of how to conduct a hazard assessment of the workplace. This will determine the PPE you'll need for your job. Once you know this, you'll need to be trained in the proper use and care of your PPE.

Selecting PPE: All PPE used on the job must meet all American National Standards Institute (ANSI) requirements and be kept clean and reliable. Fit and comfort must be considered when selecting PPE for the workplace. If your PPE fits well and is comfortable to wear, you're more likely to use it. Always let your supervisor know if there are problems with the fit or comfort of your PPE, as PPE that doesn't fit properly can make the difference between being safely covered or dangerously exposed. If you need to wear different types of PPE together, first ensure they're compatible.

Employers are responsible for:

- Performing a "hazard assessment" of the workplace to identify and control physical and health hazards
- Training workers in the use and care of the PPE
- Periodically reviewing, updating, and evaluating the effectiveness of the PPE program
- Identifying and providing appropriate PPE for all workers
- Maintaining PPE
- Replacing worn or damaged PPE

It's also the company's responsibility to know:

- When PPE is necessary
- How to properly put on, take off, adjust, and wear the PPE
- Care, maintenance, useful life, and disposal of PPE
- What type of PPE is necessary
- The limitations of PPE types

Employees are responsible for:

- Properly wearing your PPE
- Attending training sessions on your PPE
- Caring for, cleaning and maintaining your PPE

Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action being taken according to the company safety policy. Always notify your supervisor if your PPE needs to be repaired or replaced.

Employee Attendance:(Names or signatures of personnel who are attending this meeting)

These guidelines do not supersede local, state or federal regulations, and must not be construed as a substitute for, or legal interpretation of, any OSHA regulations.