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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

PPE is any clothing or equipment that is used by a worker to protect them from injury or illness. There are many types of PPE including safety footwear, vests, and ear protection. Always wear the appropriate PPE for the hazards that you may encounter on the job or as required for your role.

Eye protection

Did you know that in Canada 700 Canadian workers sustain eye injuries every day due to improper eye protection? It is estimated that 90% of these injuries could be prevented with proper eye wear. If you're welding, cutting, brazing, sawing, grinding, spray painting, working in dusty environments or with chemical gases, vapours, or liquids, sunlight or harmful light, consult your supervisor or manager for job-specific eye protection.

Hearing protection and loss prevention

You don't know what you've lost until it's gone! Sound levels of a jet engine range from 120dB – 140 dB. To get the full benefit of hearing protection, wear them wherever noise hazards are present. At the airport, there are certain areas that may require hearing protection. Examples include airside, mechanical and generator rooms. Wearing your hearing protection in these areas will reduce the amount of noise reaching your ears and the risk of hearing loss.

Head protection

In construction zones, maintenance and/or baggage areas, hard hats are worn because of the potential for head injury. Situations that could cause head injury on-the-job include working below other workers or machinery, around or under conveyor belts, around exposed energized conductors, and where there may be overhead obstructions.

Hand & finger protection

Gloves protect hands and forearms from cuts, abrasions, burns, puncture wounds, contact with hazardous chemicals, some electric shocks and blood borne pathogen diseases. **If the job task requires wearing gloves, wear the right gloves for the right job!**

Foot protection

Wear safety-toed footwear to prevent crushed toes when working around heavy equipment or potential falling objects. Safety footwear must be CSA certified, with a green patch. Inclement weather can create hazards, so be safety conscious and wear slip-resistant safety shoes or boots to prevent slipping.

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Visibility: Stand out from all the rest, wear your safety vest!



All airport staff are required to wear a high visibility, reflective safety vest when in certain areas of the airport such as on the apron and Baggage Road locations, among others. Speak with your supervisor if you are unsure when to wear your safety vest.