PennState Physical Plant

Program Highlights

PPE – HEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this safety program is to define when appropriate head protection is to be worn by OPP employees while performing certain jobs. This program applies to all OPP employees.

Only ANSI Z89.1 Type 1 Class E Hard Hats are approved for use within OPP. Exception – Arborist

TRAINING

Supervisors are responsible for ensuring training is provided to their employees who are required to use Hardhats. Employees will be trained to know the following:

- When hard hats are required, how to properly don, doff, adjust and wear PPE
- Limitations of PPE, and Proper care, maintenance, useful life, and disposal of PPE
- Hard Hat use is referenced in the PPE Hazard Assessments

INSPECTION

Employees are required to inspect their hardhat before each use and replace every 5 years from the in service date

KEY ELEMENTS

Employees working in areas where there is a possible danger of head injury from impact, or from falling or flying objects, or from electrical shock and burns, shall be protected by protective helmets. This includes the following work areas at all times:

- All construction and excavation sites
- All renovation jobs*
- Steam Plants, Steam Tunnels and Chiller Plants
- All sites where heavy equipment is operating (ie. backhoes, loaders, excavators, skid steers)
- Electrical Distribution shop at Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Crane pick sites and all rigging activities and all areas where overhead cranes and hoists are in use
- Working on or around aerial lifts and fork trucks
- Working on or around bucket trucks
- Working on or around scaffolding
- During all confined space work, both entrants and attendants
- As part of a comprehensive fall arrest system
- All arborists activities
- As part of flash protection gear

All mechanical rooms when any active maintenance work is being performed or these following conditions exist:

- Objects might fall from above and strike employees on the head
- There is potential for employees to bump their heads against fixed objects
- There is a possibility of accidental head contact with electrical hazards

REFERENCE

Click for link to OPP Head Protection Program

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