PennState Physical Plant

Program Highlights

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT SEPTEMBER 2019

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this program is to reduce or prevent injuries through PPE use when engineering or administrative controls are not feasible. This program covers the following requirements:

- Ensure the proper selection and use of PPE.
- Ensure that units understand and comply with safety standards for PPE
- Establish minimum PPE requirements for job tasks and/or work areas with potential injury exposure.

TRAINING

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

1. When PPE is necessary
2. What PPE is necessary
3. Limitations of PPE
4. How to adjust, don and doff PPE appropriately
5. Proper care, maintenance, useful life, and disposal requirements

INSPECTIONS

Prior to use, all PPE should be visually inspected for cracks, holes, or defects. Remove from service if deviations are found.

KEY ELEMENTS

- Supervisors must ensure PPE hazard assessments are completed for their work group tasks, and the information is conveyed to all employees. Documentation of training is required.
- Employees are to wear PPE as required per the PPE Hazard Assessment tables and specific requirements of the program. (head protection, arc flash gear, etc)
- Always inspect PPE prior to use
- Eye protection and foot protection required for all technical service tasks. (except grade 10)

REFERENCE

Personal Protective Equipment Program

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