

## Proper PPE Checklist

Before you go on a job site, stop to make sure you have the proper personal protective equipment (PPE). Below are some of the PPE that you will need.

Note that some specifications described in the following content may not be the same as the specifications followed by your agency. Always check with your State agency's standards and specifications when using these guidelines.

### Sections

- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
- **Hard Hat**
- **Vest**
- **Safety Glasses**
- **Steel Toe Shoes**
- **Gloves**
- **Ear Protection**

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Does not eliminate a hazard**
- Should not be modified or altered without manufacturer consent**
- Defective or damaged PPE should be tagged**
- PPE must be properly fitted and maintained in a clean and serviceable condition**

**Hard Hat**

- Safety hard hats must be worn for head protection from impact and penetration from falling and flying objects and from limited electrical shock**
- Safety hard hats must be worn whenever there is the likelihood of receiving a head injury from overhead hazards including, but not limited to, the following operations:**
  - Flagging
  - Working around cranes, bucket trucks, and front-end loaders
  - Working near overhead electrical operations
  - Pile driving
  - Post installation and removal
  - Sign erection and removal
  - Tree felling, trimming, and limb removal

**Vest**

- Vests must be worn when outside of any vehicle near the roadway or in the right-of-way**

**Safety Glasses**

- Protective eye and face equipment shall be required where there is a reasonable probability of injury occurrence**
- Suitable eye protection shall be worn where machines or operations present the hazard of flying objects, glare, chemicals, injurious radiation, or a combination of these hazards**

- Eye protection shall be worn whenever there is the likelihood of receiving injury to the eyes**
- Wear safety glasses for the following operations:**
  - Brooming
  - Cutting brush, stranded rope, or cable
  - Cutting with table saws or power saws
  - Drilling, picking
  - Hammering, sledging
  - Handling cement (bags and mixing)
  - Mowing
  - Working under vehicles

### Steel Toe Shoes

- Safety shoes are designed to protect the feet from being crushed by heavy equipment**

### Gloves

- Appropriate gloves should be worn while engaged in any work operation where hands may become subject to injury from wood splinters, sharp edges on metal, hot substances, chemicals, caustic materials, toxic liquids, and all other activities, substances, and objects which may cause injury to the hands**

### Ear Protection

- Ear protection is required when noise levels exceed 85 decibels (dBA) measured on the “A” scale of a type II or better Sound Level Meter**