



Foot protection may be something as simple as a disposable shoe covers to minimize spread of contamination. In food service and vivariums, slip resistant shoes may reduce the risk of slips, trips, and falls. In shops and industrial activities, the supervisor must evaluate the hazards and select foot protection accordingly.

PPE	Specific Type	Characteristics	Applications
Shoe Cover		Protection from dirt, dust; maintenance of hygienic work environments. Non-slip soles	Working with biohazards, animal facilities, or potential floor contaminants
Foot/Shin Guards		Typically strap on to legs or feet	Use of high-pressure washers, or protection of shins and feet when handling heavy materials
Slip Resistant Shoes		Shoe with sole designed to enhance traction in slippery work environments	Working in animal facilities, custodial applications, food service facilities, medical/clinical settings, and shops
Safety Shoes		Toe, metatarsal, foot protection, steel reinforcements and inserts. There are numerous types of safety shoes for specific applications	Handling heavy items, construction, warehouse applications, agricultural field work