



EHS Fact Sheet

OSHA Personal Protective Equipment Standard

OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132 (General Requirements), 133 (Eye & Face Protection), 134 (Respirator Protection), 135 (Head Protection), 136 (Foot Protection), 138 (Hand Protection)

What is the OSHA PPE Standard?

It is a standard designed to help prevent employee exposure to hazards in the workplace through the use of personal protective equipment. It also maintains that personal protective equipment (PPE) is not a substitute for engineering or administrative controls, but should be used in conjunction with those controls.

Where does the standard apply?

The standard applies to areas where circumstances would dictate the use of PPE to protect employees who are not covered by other standards. An example would be an employee covered by the bloodborne pathogen standard.

What is the definition of a University Employee?

A University employee is anyone who receives a paycheck from The Ohio State University. This includes all faculty, staff, graduate and under graduate students.

What does the PPE standard require?

The standard requires a workplace hazard assessment, employee training, proper selection of PPE and documentation of the assessment and training. It does not specify how the assessment and training are performed or the type of documentation. The employer has discretion.

What else does the PPE standard cover?

Along with the requirements listed above, the standard specifies responsibilities for the employer and the employee. It also provides guidance for PPE selection criteria.

Where can I find more information?

For more information about employer and employee responsibilities, as well as, technical information, contact Environmental Health and Safety at 292-1284 or www.ehs.osu.edu.