Chapter 19: Personal Protective Equipment

Quick Start Summary

Who needs to know about these requirements

The requirements of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) apply to workers who may be exposed to common workplace hazards (such as cutting, grinding, drilling, sharp edges, pinch, and temperature extremes) or exposed to harmful substances and physical agents in the work area (including chemicals, extreme heat or cold, lasers, radiation hazards, biohazards, fall hazards, and dust), their supervisors, other persons overseeing their activities.

Why

PPE is required for many activities at SLAC and its proper use can prevent serious exposures and injuries.

What do I need to know

Supervisors must ensure that workers are protected primarily by engineering and administrative controls and that the appropriate PPE is available for any remaining hazards. Supervisors must determine PPE requirements, with assistance as needed from the Environment, Safety, and Health (ESH) Division, and workers must be trained or informed to identify, use, and maintain the appropriate PPE as specified. This chapter addresses general types of PPE for protecting the body, head, hands, feet, eyes, and face. Hazard-specific PPE requirements are listed in each appropriate ESH Manual chapter.

SLAC is responsible for providing PPE to its employees and students of Stanford University assigned to work at SLAC. For temporary agency and job shop employees, SLAC either provides the PPE or reimburses the employers for PPE they provide, which will be the case for more specialized PPE such as half-faced or full-faced air purifying respirators, safety footwear, and prescription safety glasses. Subcontractors, independent contractors, and user institutions are responsible for providing PPE to their employees.

When

The requirements of this chapter take effect 10 August 2016.

Where do I find more information

SLAC Environment, Safety, and Health Manual (SLAC-I-720-0A29Z-001)

- Chapter 19, “Personal Protective Equipment”

Or contact the program manager.