

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

It's your job to know:

- M W Donnelly's rules about wearing PPE
- The right type of PPE to wear for each task
- How to make sure your PPE fits correctly
- How to maintain your PPE so that it functions correctly

PPE protects you against these physical hazards:

- Hard hats – protect against bumps and falling objects
- Eye protection – protects against flying objects, splashes, and harmful light
- Gloves – protect against cuts, scrapes, and burns
- Protective shoes and boots – protect against falling objects, sharp objects and slippery surfaces
- Ear protection – protects against hearing loss from excessive noise

PPE protects you against these chemical hazards:

- Eye protection – protects against chemical splashes, vapors and fumes
- Gloves, protective shoes – protect against chemicals that can burn or irritate the skin
- Protective clothing – protects against chemical splashes

Know the right PPE to use in every kind of hazardous situation and use it! If you have any questions about wearing, using, or caring for your PPE, ask your supervisor.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Which of the following qualify as PPE (name all that apply): a). Earplugs and hearing protectors, b). Hard hats or helmets, c). Protective eyewear, d). Earbuds, e). All of the above
2. True or False – This is a free country, and the company can't make you wear PPE – it can only recommend it.
3. True or False – PPE should always be thrown away after each use.
4. Which of the following hazards often require PPE (name all that apply): a). Loud noises, b). Chemicals, c). Heat or flame, d). Electrical wiring, e). Airborne particles, f). All of the above