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FP&M Safety Talk - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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Anyone encountering potentially hazardous conditions at work must be protected against those hazards. The purpose of personal protective clothing and equipment (PPE) is to shield or isolate individuals from the chemical, physical, and biologic hazards that may be encountered.

No single combination of protective equipment and clothing is capable of protecting against all hazards. Thus PPE should be used in conjunction with other protective methods. The use of PPE can actually create worker hazards, such as heat stress, physical and psychological stress, and impaired vision, mobility, and communication. In general, the greater the level of PPE protection, the greater are these risks. For any given situation, equipment and clothing should be selected that provide an adequate level of protection. Over-protection as well as under-protection can be hazardous and should be avoided.

The two basic objectives of a PPE program should be to protect the wearer from safety and health hazards, and to prevent injury to the wearer from incorrect use and/or malfunction of the PPE. To accomplish these goals, a comprehensive PPE program should include training, hazard identification and selection, use and decontamination of PPE.

Periodic audits are important to determine if PPE is properly used, cleaned, inspected, maintained, and stored. Accident and illness experiences can be used to determine if the prescribed PPE is adequate. This information can also be used to develop relevant training and improve our PPE program.

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