What is PPE?

PPE is equipment or clothing designed to protect you from workplace hazards. It includes items such as hard hats, safety boots, coveralls, gloves, safety glasses and goggles, earplugs, high visibility vests, life jackets, fall protection and respirators.

What are your PPE Responsibilities?

- Make sure you are educated and trained in how and when to fit and wear your PPE properly and how to clean, maintain, store and dispose of it, before you start work.
- Wear all PPE required for the job.
- Check that your PPE does not compromise your health and safety (for example, interfere with your breathing, vision, communication or mobility).
- Take care of your PPE—clean, maintain and store it properly.
- Inspect your PPE for wear and tear and other damage before use.
- Make sure your PPE is repaired or replaced as necessary. Report any damage to your supervisor or employer.


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Health and Safety is a priority at BCIT. OHS newsletters contain monthly first aid statistics, compliance concerns, and updates of new legislation and interest articles.
Who else has PPE responsibilities?

Everyone in the workplace has PPE responsibilities:

- You are required to wear your PPE.
- Your supervisor must monitor that you are wearing it.
- Your OHS committee or worker representative participates in addressing issues relating to PPE.
- Your employer has a responsibility to ensure a safe and healthy workplace to protect all workers, including providing and maintaining PPE.

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