

Overview

Face protection is required by OSHA where there is a reasonable probability of preventing injury when such equipment is used. Employers must provide a type of protection that is suitable for the work being done.

Employees must use the protection provided. A Bureau of Labor Statistics study found that about half of the injuries which occurred to workers faces resulted from not wearing the protective equipment supplied.

What must my employer do?



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Your employer must ensure that:

- All workers required to wear face protection understand how to use it so that it offers the most protection.
- These workers must demonstrate understanding of the training, and the ability to use it properly before being allowed to perform work requiring its use.

What must I do?

As an employee who is required to use face protection, you must:

- Understand how to use the required personal protection equipment (PPE).
- Know how to properly clean and maintain the PPE.

What must face protection do?

At a minimum, face protection must:

- Adequately protect against the particular hazards for which it was designed.
- Be reasonably comfortable when worn under the designated conditions.
- Fit snugly without interfering with the movements or vision of the wearer.
- Be durable.
- Be capable of being disinfected.
- Be easily cleanable.
- Be kept clean and in good repair.

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