

Wearing too Much PPE



It sounds impossible, but wearing extra personal protective equipment can create additional hazards and slow productivity. It is difficult at times to get employees to wear the proper PPE, but there are times when it is even more difficult to keep them from wearing too much. Employees want to make sure they are protected; in doing so they may overcompensate with extra or inappropriate PPE. Some examples may include:

- Wearing gloves while operating or working near hazardous rotating machine parts
- Metatarsal guards during light-duty material handling jobs
- Respirators when employee exposures are below permissible exposure limits
- Impervious chemical protective clothing for jobs involving exposure to nuisance dust or incidental contact with greasy parts

Recognizing when workers are wearing too much or inappropriate PPE is something all employers need to look for. Changes in work activities can change PPE requirements. What was once acceptable, may not be now. ■



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Soapbox

If your teenager mows the lawn without being told, don't plan on using the car that night.

Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits. – *Unknown*

There are two kinds of people, those who finish what they start and so on. – *Robert Byrne*

Millennium, n. The period of a thousand years when the lid is to be screwed down, with all reformers on the under side.

Only in America do people spend half their salary to buy food and the other half to lose weight.

Our national flower is the concrete cloverleaf. – *Lewis Mumford*

It is difficult to produce a television documentary that is both incisive and probing when every 12 minutes one is interrupted by 12 dancing rabbits singing about toilet paper. – *Rod Serling*

Circus, n. A place where horses, ponies and elephants are permitted to see men, women and children acting the fool.

If I could only grow green stuff in my garden like I can in my refrigerator.

You know it's going to be a bad day when you turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes from the city.

Journalism 101? "The driver involved in this incident asked that her gender not be revealed."

Whatever you undertake, act with prudence, and consider the consequences. – *Anonymous*

Ever wonder why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together?

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.