



# Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – Requirements



## Roper Gulf Regional Council will:

- Supply PPE to workers at the workplace
- Provide training in the use of PPE – as required

## You must:

- Use or wear PPE in accordance with instructions given
- Not intentionally misuse or damage PPE
- Keep PPE clean and in good working order
- Report any damaged or worn PPE to your Supervisor
- Tell your Supervisor if your PPE doesn't fit properly



## Types of PPE

- Steel Cap Boots – outside work
- Closed in footwear – inside work
- Hi Vis Clothing
- Ear Plugs
- Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Hair Net
- Face Mask
- Welding Helmet

WHS Law allows for fines if this is not followed



# PPE - Q & A

## **Who is responsible for providing Personal Protective Equipment?**

*Your Supervisor. Roper Gulf will provide the required PPE for you to perform your tasks safely. You must look after your PPE, and may have to return it at the end of the work day.*

## **Will PPE stop you from getting injured?**

*PPE is the last line of defence. It should not be relied on as the primary means of injury prevention until options higher up the hierarchy of controls have been exhausted. PPE may be used in conjunction with other controls (e.g. substitution, engineering, isolation) where the risk of injuries is high.*

## **Do you have to wear PPE?**

*Yes - the PPE is to protect you from getting hurt. Work Health & Safety Law says you must wear PPE provided by your employer.*

## **When do you have to wear safety glasses?**

*Eye protection must be worn when grinding, welding or drilling. You must wear safety goggles or a face shield if it is identified in the operating procedures or Chemical Safety Data Sheet*

## **Name some PPE available for your work area and when you would use it? (Supervisors discuss ways specific to your work group)**

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|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| - Gloves          | - Safety Glasses | - Working at Heights Harness | - Bump Cap                |
| - Earplugs        | - Mono Goggles   | - Gas Detector               | - Fire Retardant Clothing |
| - Respirator      | - Face Shield    | - Hair Net                   | - Spats                   |
| - Steel Cap Boots | - Welding Helmet | - Safety Helmet              | - Apron                   |

## **Does PPE use require any training?**

*Employees who are required to use PPE will be shown how to use it. Training will be provided for specialised PPE such as harnesses. As a minimum employees will be told when the PPE is necessary, how to wear it, what it can and can't do, inspection, and maintenance of PPE.*

## **What do you do if you notice you have damaged or broken PPE?**

- Pause the task until you have the required PPE in good condition
- Notify your supervisor
- Repair or discard the damaged PPE
- Complete the task with appropriate undamaged PPE