

# Prevention Connection



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## Hazard Assessment For Personal Protective Equipment

This tool can help you do a hazard assessment to see if your employees need to use personal protective equipment (PPE) by identifying activities that may create hazards for your employees. The activities are grouped according to what part of the body might need PPE. You can make copies, modify and customize it to fit the specific needs of your particular work place, or develop your own form that is appropriate to your work environment.

This tool can also serve as written certification that you have done a hazard assessment as required by OSHA to document your hazard assessment for PPE. Make sure that the blank fields at the beginning of the checklist (indicated by \*) are filled out (see below, Instructions #4).

### Instructions:

1. Do a walk through survey of each work area and job/task. Read through the list of work activities in the first column, putting a check next to the activities performed in that work area or job.
2. Read through the list of hazards in the second column, putting a check next to the hazards to which employees may be exposed while performing the work activities or while present in the work area. (for e.g., work activity: chopping wood; work-related exposure: flying particles).
3. Decide how you are going to control the hazards. Try considering engineering, work place, and/or administrative controls to eliminate or reduce the hazards before resorting to using PPE. If the hazard cannot be eliminated without using PPE, indicate which type(s) of PPE will be required to protect your employee from the hazard.
4. Make sure that you complete the following fields on the form (indicated by \*) to certify that a hazard assessment was done:
  - Name of your work place
  - Address of the work place where you are doing the hazard assessment
  - Name of person certifying that a workplace hazard assessment was done
  - Date the hazard assessment was done

# PPE Hazard Assessment Certification Form

\*Name of work place: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Assessment conducted by: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Work place address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Date of assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

Work area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Job/Task(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Required for certifying the hazard assessment.

Use a separate sheet for each job/task or work area

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Work activities, such as:

- abrasive blasting
- chopping
- cutting
- drilling
- welding
- punch press operations
- sanding
- sawing
- grinding
- hammering
- other: \_\_\_\_\_