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PPE USE

PPE is only effective if it is used correctly.

- Check for fit and comfort. If there are problems consult with a supervisor rather than opting not to wear the PPE.
- Choosing not to wear PPE not only puts you and your quality of life at risk, but also could affect your friends, family and loved ones.

PPE TRAINING AND LIMITATIONS

- Everyone should be familiar with how properly to wear, store and maintain their PPE. If you are unsure on how to do any of these, contact your supervisor.
- PPE use, storage and maintenance should follow manufacturer guidelines.
- PPE should be replaced when needed following manufacturer guidelines.
- PPE does not make anyone invulnerable. It is the last line of defense, not the only line of defense. There is no excuse to avoid following other safe work practices.



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