Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hazard Assessment Survey and Analysis

Based on the hierarchy of controls, PPE is a last resort. Personal protective equipment alone should **not** be relied upon to provide protection against hazards but should be used in conjunction with engineering controls, administrative controls, and procedural controls.

This document addresses eye, face, head, hand, foot, torso, respiratory, noise, and fall protection. It will serve as the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Certification document required to satisfy the federal requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standard, 29 CFR 1910.132 Subpart I - Personal Protective Equipment.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1: Inform affected employees of the process.

Affected employees from each work area that is being assessed should be involved in the process. Discuss the reasons for the survey and the procedures being used for the assessment. Review the job procedures, potential hazards, and the PPE currently in use.

Step 2: Review data.

Reports of work-related injuries or illnesses, near-miss events and reported safety concerns are sources of data that can provide helpful information for assessing hazards.

Step 3: Conduct a walk-through survey.

The purpose of the survey is to identify sources of hazards to personnel. Observe the following: layout of the workplace, location of personnel, work operations, hazards and places where PPE is currently used including the device and reason for use. Using the form, check the type of hazard(s) present within each section (organized by body part). Further descriptions can be provided in the adjacent box. Consideration should be given to the following basic hazard categories:

- 1. Impact (falling/flying objects)
- 2. Penetration (sharp objects piercing foot/hand)
- 3. Compression (roll-over or pinching objects)
- 4. Chemical exposure (inhalation, ingestion, skin contact, eye contact or injection)
- 5. Temperature extremes (heat/cold)
- 6. Dust/flying debris (grinding, chipping, sanding, etc.)
- 7. Fall (slip/trip, scaffolds, elevated work)
- 8. Radiation (non-ionizing: UV/IR/light, welding, brazing, cutting, furnaces, etc.)
- 9. Noise (mechanical rooms, machines, cage washing, jackhammers, etc.)
- 10. Electrical (shock, short circuit, arcing, static)

Step 4: Select PPE.

After considering and/or planning for other controls, coordinate with supervisors to select the PPE which provides at least the minimum level of protection required to protect employees from the hazards. Using the form, note the appropriate PPE in the required PPE box. For help with proper PPE selection, contact your installation Safety Office or MTF Industrial Hygienist.

Step 5: Make document available.

Once completed, signed and dated, store this form either electronically or as a hard copy in your safety program management binder.

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Command & Unit:	Location:
Employees Name:	_ MOS / Job Series:
Operation/Process:	

Part of Body	Hazard	Required PPE (Check all that apply)	Notes
Hands	□ Penetration – sharp objects □ Penetration – animal bites □ Penetration – rough objects □ Chemical(s) □ Extreme cold □ Extreme heat □ Blood □ Electrical shock □ Vibration – power tools □ Other	□ Leather/cut resistant gloves □ General purpose work gloves □ Chemical resistant gloves; □ Type □ Heat/flame resistant gloves □ Latex or nitrile gloves □ Insulated gloves □ Insulated rubber gloves; □ Type □ Cotton, leather or anti-vibration gloves □ Other	
Head	□ Struck by falling object □ Struck against fixed object □ Electrical-contact with exposed wires/conductors □ Other	☐ Hard hat/cap ☐ Class E ☐ Class G ☐ Class C ☐ Other	
Eyes and Face	□ Impact-flying objects, chips, sand or dirt □ Nuisance dust □ UV light-welding, cutting, torch brazing or soldering □ Chemical-splashing liquid □ Chemical-irritating mists □ Hot sparks-grinding □ Splashing molten metal □ Glare/High Intensity lights □ Laser operations □ Other	□ Safety glasses w/side shields □ Glasses/goggles w/face shield □ Impact goggles □ Welding goggles □ Welding helmet/shield w/safety glasses & side shields □ Chemical goggles/ face shield □ Chemical splash goggles □ Safety glasses w/side shields □ Glasses/goggles w/face shield □ Safety goggles w/face shield □ Shaded safety glasses □ Laser spectacles or goggles □ Other	
Ears	□ Exposure to noise levels (> 84 dBA 8-hour TWA) □ Exposure to sparks □ Other	□ Ear muffs, plugs or ear caps □ Leather welding hood □ Other	

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		(Check all that apply)	
	□ Nuisance dust/mist	☐ Disposable dust/mist mask	
Respiratory	☐ Welding fumes	□ Welding respirator	
System	☐ Asbestos	☐ Respirator w/HEPA filter	
	☐ Pesticides	☐ Respirator w/pesticide	
	☐ Paint spray	cartridges	
-10 mg	☐ Organic vapors	☐ Respirator w/paint spray	
	☐ Acid gases	cartridges	
A	□ Oxygen deficient/toxic	☐ Respirator w/organic cartridges	
	or IDLH atmosphere	☐ Respirator w/acid gas cartridges	
	☐ Other	☐ SCBA or Type C airline respirator	
		□ Other	
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Feet	Impact-heavy objects	☐ Steel toe safety shoes	
	Compression-rolling or	Leather boots or safety shoes	
	pinching objects/vehicles	w/metatarsal guards	
	☐ Slippery or wet surface	☐ Slip resistant soles	
	☐ Penetration-sharp objects	☐ Puncture resistant soles	
	☐ Penetration-chemical	☐ Chemical resistant boots/covers	
	☐ Splashing-chemical	☐ Rubber boots/closed top shoes	
	Exposure to extreme cold	Insulated boots or shoes	
	☐ Other	□ Other	
	☐ Impact – flying objects	☐ Long sleeves/ apron/ coat	
Body	☐ Moving vehicles	☐ Traffic vest	
	☐ Puncture – harp objects	☐ Cut-resistant sleeves, wristlets	
	☐ Electrical – static discharge	☐ Static control coats/coveralls	
	☐ Hot metal or sparks	☐ Flame-resistant jacket/ pants	
	☐ Chemical(s)	☐ Lab coat or apron/sleeves	
		☐ Insulated jacket, hood	
	☐ Exposure to extreme cold	■ Body harness and lanyard	
	☐ Unprotected elevated	□ Other	
	walking/working surface		
	☐ Other		
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CERTIFICATION: I certify that the above Hazard Assessment was performed to the best knowledge and ability, based on the hazards present on this date.		
Print/Signed:	Date:	

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