

## Checklist on Need for PPE

Suggested Questions

Typical Operations of Concern

Yes No

Eyes			
Do your employees perform tasks, or work near employees who perform tasks, that might produce airborne dust or flying particles?	Sawing, cutting, drilling, sanding, grinding, hammering, chopping, abrasive blasting, punch press operations, etc.		
Do your employees handle, or work near employees who handle, hazardous liquid chemicals or encounter blood splashes?	Pouring, mixing, painting, cleaning, siphoning, dip tank operations, dental and health care services, etc.		
Are your employees' eyes exposed to other potential physical or chemical irritants?	Are your employees' faces exposed to extreme heat?		
Are your employees exposed to intense light or lasers?	Welding, cutting, laser operations, etc.		
Face			
Do your employees handle, or work near employees who handle, hazardous liquid chemicals?	Pouring, mixing, painting, cleaning, siphoning, dip tank operations, etc.		
Battery charging, installing fiber-glass insulation, compressed air or gas operations, etc.	Welding, pouring molten metal, smithing, baking, cooking, drying, etc.		
Are your employees' faces exposed to other potential irritants?	Cutting, sanding, grinding, hammering, chopping, pouring, mixing, painting, cleaning, siphoning, etc.		
Head			
Might tools or other objects fall from above and strike your employees on the head?	Workstations or traffic routes located under catwalks or conveyor belts, construction, trenching, utility work, etc.		
Are your employees' heads, when they stand or bend, near exposed beams, machine parts, pipes, etc.?	Construction, confined space operations, building maintenance, etc.		
Do your employees work with or near exposed electrical wiring or components?	Building maintenance; utility work; construction; wiring; working on or near communications, computer, or other high tech equipment; arc or resistance welding; etc.		
Feet			
Might tools, heavy equipment or other objects roll, fall onto or strike your employees' feet?	Construction, plumbing, smithing, building maintenance, trenching, utility work, grass cutting, etc.		
Do your employees work with or near exposed electrical wiring or components?	Building maintenance; utility work; construction; wiring; working on or near communications, computer or other high-tech equipment; arc or resistance welding; etc.		

Do your employees handle, or work near employees who handle, molten metal?	Welding, foundry work, casting, smithing, etc.		
Do your employees work with explosives or in explosive atmospheres?	Demolition, explosives manufacturing, grain milling, spray painting, abrasive blasting, working with highly flammable materials, etc.		
<b>Body</b>			
Are your employees' hands and arms placed near exposed electrical wiring or components?	Building maintenance; utility work; construction; wiring; working on or near communications, computer or other high-tech equipment; arc or resistance welding; etc.		
Are your employees' bodies exposed to irritating dust or chemical splashes?	Pouring, mixing, painting, cleaning, siphoning, dip tank operations, machining, sawing, battery charging, installing fiberglass insulation, compressed air or gas operations, etc.		
Are your employees' bodies exposed to sharp or rough surfaces?	Cutting, grinding, sanding, sawing, glazing, material handling, etc.		
<b>Hearing</b>			
Are your employees exposed to loud noise from machines, tools, music systems, etc.?	Machining, grinding, sanding, working near conveyors, pneumatic equipment, generators, ventilation fans, motors, punch and brake presses, etc.		
Is a raised voice needed to communicate with someone about one meter away?	Does any equipment have manufacturer's noise information (including labels) that indicate noise levels equal or greater than any of the following: (a) 80 dB (b) Does the noise in any part of the workplace sound as loud as or louder than 85 decibels using the scale Decibel Levels of Common Sounds?		
Have there been any workers' compensation claims for noise-induced hearing loss?	Building maintenance; utility work; construction; wiring; working on or near communications, computer, or other high tech equipment; arc or resistance welding; etc.		

