Personal Protective Equipment

The Environmental, Health & Safety Department, in conjunction with academic departments and Physical Plant, shall be responsible for the development of personal protective equipment guidelines on campus. The guidelines shall include the following:

- Evaluating necessary PPE to protect employees and students from identified hazards.
- Ensuring that purchased PPE meets accepted standards (Such as U.S. ANSI.)
- Evaluating a variety of PPE styles, to ensure appropriate comfort and fit.
- Training employees and students on the use and care of PPE.
- Developing safety rules regarding the use of PPE.
- Enforcing the use of personal protective equipment.
- Inspecting personal protective equipment.

Types of PPE

EH&S will collaborate with each department to determine necessary PPE based on equipment and other possible hazards in the workspace. Types of PPE will include:

Eye/Face Protection

Eye/face protection shall be provided where there is a potential for injury from flying objects, liquids, injurious radiation, or a combination of these hazards. The selected type of eye protection will depend upon the hazard, and may include safety glasses, face shields, goggles, or shaded lenses for injurious radiation.

Foot Protection

Employees and students shall be required to wear foot protection to prevent potential injury from falling and rolling objects, from objects piercing the sole, and in areas where feet are exposed to electrical hazards.

Hand & Body Protection:

Gloves and other protective clothing shall be provided to protect employees and students from contact with chemicals, lacerations, burns, punctures, slivers, and cold.

Head Protection

Head protection is predominately needed during some maintenance functions. It shall be provided elsewhere as needed to protect against injury from impact, penetration from falling and flying objects, and from limited electric shock and burn.