



Theatre Safety

Personal Protective Equipment

Personal protective equipment (PPE) includes all types of equipment used to reduce the risk of injury while performing potentially hazardous tasks. PPE may include eye and face protection, head protection, foot protection, hand protection, respiratory protection, and fall protection.

Supervisors/Instructors will identify the PPE you will be required to use and will communicate the requirements for its use.

General Practices

1. Wear the PPE assigned to you in the manner it is meant to be used.
2. Inspect the PPE prior to wearing it, and immediately replace damaged PPE.
3. Clean, sanitize, and store PPE as instructed by the manufacturer and your supervisor.

Eye and Face Protection

Wear the appropriate eye and face protection for the task.

1. Wear safety goggles or safety glasses and/or a face shield when the work will likely generate flying debris.
2. Wear chemical splash goggle when working with hazardous liquids.
3. Wear a welding helmet when welding.
4. Wear goggles or face shield equipped with the appropriate level of shading when using a torch to solder or braze.

Head Protection

1. Wear a hard hat when working in areas where there is a potential for injury to the head from falling objects or low head clearances.

Foot Protection

1. Wear safety shoes when working in areas or on tasks where there is a danger of falling objects, rolling objects, or objects that may pierce the sole of the shoe. Safety shoes have a protective toe box and a protective shank in the sole to prevent piercing.
2. Wear safety shoes with non-conductive soles when the task may pose an electrical hazard.

Hand Protection

1. Wear the appropriate glove for the task to protect your hands from cuts, burns, harmful physical or chemical agents; i.e., chemical-resistant gloves for working with chemicals; leather or canvas work gloves for handling materials with rough edges.



Theatre Safety

-
2. Never wear gloves where there is a danger of them becoming entangled in moving machinery or power tools.

Hearing Protection

1. Wear hearing protection devices when exposed to continuous or intermittent high noise levels.
2. Wear hearing protection devices appropriately to achieve the anticipated level of protection.

Respiratory Protection

1. Consult with the EH&S Department and refer to the [University Respiratory Protection Program](#) for use procedures and training requirements.
2. Never perform tasks that require respiratory protective equipment until after receiving respiratory protection training and passing all other requirements specified in the Respiratory Protection Program.
3. Consult with the EH&S Department for respiratory protection guidance when introducing a new chemical product.
4. Contact your instructor, supervisor, or the EH&S Department if you have any problems using the assigned respiratory protection devices.