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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Personal protective equipment plays a major role in any industrial safety program. An immense amount of effort has gone into the development of equipment that provides not only adequate protection but reasonable comfort as well. The work environment cannot always be perfect, but man's ingenuity has enabled him to work in the midst of hazards without injury.

A complete safety wardrobe is extensive, much of which may be found in the Deer Park Complex. Included are: safety hats, safety glasses, goggles, face shields, welder's hoods, gloves (numerous types), acid suits, rain gear, respirators (numerous types), ear protection, furnace lighting equipment, and fire fighting gear. Safety shoes are available.

To have an effective personal protective equipment program that will meet general requirements, every employee needs to (1) be able to recognize hazards, (2) be familiar with the best safety equipment available to protect against hazards, (3) know the procedures for obtaining the equipment, and (4) know how to use, maintain and clean the equipment.

The last item above is extremely important for "community" equipment like respirators. When confronted with the need for such equipment, one would like assurance it is clean, so everyone has to do his part. Cleaning the masks is ordinarily done with alcohol, so make sure some is available for that purpose.

While there may be a routine check made periodically of the overall condition of your protective equipment, everyone should develop a daily habit of checking it out ourselves. At the beginning of a day, see that your protective equipment is ready for use.

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