

MB Regulation 217 / 2006 – Part 6 – Personal Protective Equipment, General Requirements

Employer Responsibilities

An employer must ensure to a practicable extent that the safety of their workers is protected by means of:

- design of workplace processes (elimination, substitution)
- use of engineering controls
- implementation of safe work procedures

If an employer can not reasonably protect the safety of their workers by means of these controls, the proper use of personal protective equipment must be ensured. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must ONLY be used as your LAST line of defense!

Minimum Requirements in Construction

Employees must wear, at minimum, safety footwear and protective headwear. Your PPE must meet the standards that are referenced in the legislation.

- CSA Standard Z94.1-05 *Industrial Protective Headwear C Performance, Selection, Care and Use*
- CSA Standard Z195.1-02 *Guideline on Selection, Care and Use of Protective Footwear*
- CSA Standard Z195-02 *Protective Footwear*

Other Requirements in Construction

There may be workplaces that require the employer to provide *specialized* PPE (personal protective equipment that goes beyond the minimum requirements):

- High visibility safety apparel (vests, jackets, coveralls)
- Fall restraint or fall arrest systems (if a work area meets the criteria of Section 14)
- Skin protection (if a worker may be exposed to sparks, molten metal or radiation)
- Eye and face protection (if a worker may be exposed to flying objects or particles, splashing liquids)
- Respiratory protection

Employees must be trained in the use of their personal protective equipment. The employer is responsible for having written safe work procedures for the fit, care and use of the PPE in their workplace. The required PPE for a jobsite must be determined and posted prior to work beginning as part of the pre-job Hazard Assessment.

Companies need to have a documented system in place for tracking and maintaining their PPE. An inventory will help to ensure that all employees have the right equipment. Regular maintenance and inspection will ensure that your equipment is in good working order. Your company's maintenance and / or PPE programs should outline these directives.

*****Please review MB Regulation 217 / 2006 – Part 6 for specific requirements and more information*****

You have questions? We have answers!

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WASP (Westman Association of Safety Professionals)

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 2010

WASP will break until September. Meetings will resume at that time.

The meeting will be held at the St. John Ambulance Boardroom,
located in the Shopper's Mall
1570 – 18th Street, Brandon (South Entrance, 2nd Floor)

For more information, please contact Belva at 728-3456 or by email:
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Training Schedule for May – WESTMAN area:

Monday, May 17 and Tuesday, May 18
(2 day course)

Leadership for Safety Excellence

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