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How to Protect Yourself with PPE during Hurricane Cleanup



Hurricane relief and cleanup work can expose workers and volunteers to various hazards, such as debris, floodwater, mold, chemicals, and infectious diseases. To protect themselves from these risks, they need to wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) that matches the level and type of exposure.

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the PPE required for hurricane relief work depends on the specific tasks, the expected contaminants, and the potential for injury. However, some general PPE that workers and volunteers should have include the following:

- **Gloves for hand protection** from cuts, punctures, abrasions, and infections. Gloves should be made of durable material, such as leather or rubber, and fit well. They should also be compatible with the chemicals or substances that workers may encounter.
- **Boots for foot protection** from injuries and waterborne pathogens. Boots should be waterproof, slip-resistant, and have steel toes and shanks. They should also cover the ankles and be worn with socks.
- **Safety goggles for eye protection** from flying objects, dust, splashes, and glare. Eye protection should be impact-resistant, such as safety glasses or goggles, and have side shields or wraparound design. They should also fit snugly and not interfere with vision.
- **Helmet for head protection** from falling or flying objects, electrical hazards, and sun exposure. Head protection should be hard hats that meet the ANSI Z89.1 standard and have a chin strap. They should also be adjusted to fit properly and not impair the hearing.



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Five Safety Tips



1. CLEAN IT UP - Spill kits contain everything necessary to clean up oil-only spills, general maintenance spills, or hazmat spills.

2. CLEAN IT UP - Body fluid clean up kits are available in a wide range of kit sizes and packaging.

3. CLEAN IT UP - Dirty protective eyewear is unsafe.

4. CLEAN IT UP - Rubber insulating gloves and related protective gear need a specialized

- **Mask for respiratory protection** from dust, mold, smoke, vapors, and biological agents. Respiratory protection should be NIOSH-approved and have the appropriate filter or cartridge for the contaminants. They should also fit well and be worn correctly.
- **Protective clothing** to protect skin and clothing from contact with hazardous substances, such as chemicals, blood, or sewage. Protective clothing should be water-resistant.

In addition to choosing the right types and quality of PPE, relief workers and volunteers should also follow some best practices for using PPE effectively in hurricane relief work. Here are some tips and recommendations:

- Before putting on any PPE, inspect it for any damage or defects. Do not use PPE that is torn, broken, or contaminated.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for donning (putting on), doffing (taking off), and disposing of PPE. Avoid touching the outside of PPE with bare hands, as it may be contaminated.
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after handling PPE. Use soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Do not share PPE with others. Label your PPE with your name or initials to avoid confusion.
- Clean and disinfect the PPE after each use and store it in a dry and secure place. Report any problems or concerns with the PPE to the supervisor or the safety officer.

PPE is an essential part of hurricane relief and cleanup work, but it is not a substitute for safe work practices and procedures. Workers and volunteers should follow the instructions and guidance from their supervisors, safety officers, and health authorities. They should also monitor their health and well-being and seek medical attention if they experience any symptoms or injuries.

Saf-T-Gard carries a full line of Honeywell safety products for emergency preparedness and hurricane cleanup. Click [here](#) to shop them online, or call customer service at **1-800-548-GARD (4273)** today for more information or to place an order.

GET IN GEAR

Vendor Product Spotlight: **NEW** **Justrite® Sure-Grip® EX Outdoor** **Flammable Safety Cabinets**



In the complex landscape of industrial safety, the proper storage of hazardous and flammable liquids both indoors and outdoors is imperative. The **Justrite® Sure-Grip® EX Outdoor Flammable Storage Cabinets** are engineered specifically to mitigate the substantial risks associated with the improper handling and storage of these materials while outside.

Fully spot welded Galvanneal 18-gauge steel construction makes the cabinet highly resistant to corrosion - up to 16 times more than regular steel. This ensures a rust-resistant exterior capable of withstanding outdoor conditions. It also includes a slanted roof design to divert rain and snow away

detergent to remove grease and grime without harming the dielectric properties of the products.

5. CLEAN IT UP -

Respirator facepieces need to be kept clean, fresh, and sanitary.

QUESTIONS **Q&A** ANSWERS



Question - Employees face slippery floors at meatpacking and poultry slaughter plants every day. The floors are wet and littered with pieces of fat and other product. Temperatures and traffic in the plants cause the fat to adhere to the floor creating a very slippery surface, despite the use of non-skid surfacing products that are easily worn away or need constant replacement. The floors are slippery throughout the plant, including the stairs and hallways leading to locker rooms and cafeterias. Because of these conditions, meatpacking and poultry companies require the use of steel-toe rubber boots. However, several meatpacking companies and poultry plants may require the steel-toe rubber boots to be worn, but do not provide them at no cost to their employees. Would steel-toe rubber boots be considered specialty footwear, and would the employer be required to provide these boots at no cost to its employees?

Answer - Yes. The PPE standard, 29 CFR 1910.132(h)(2) provides that "[t]he employer is not required to pay for non-specialty safety-toe protective footwear (including steel-toe shoes or steel-toe boots)... provided that the employer permits such items to be worn off the job-site." 29 CFR 1910.132(h)(2). As OSHA explained in the Final Rule for Employer

from the cabinet doors, protecting the contents from moisture. For ease of placement and mobility, even in challenging terrains, the cabinet is supported by 12-gauge skids to easily move with a forklift and bolstered with stable trapezoid legs.

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- Stable trapezoid legs
- FM Approved

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- Leak proof sump

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ISEA's Five Facts about the Newly Updated ANSI/ISEA 121-2023 Dropped Objects Standard



1. It's All About Safety Gear for Tethering and Containers.

The ANSI/ISEA 121-2023 standard is designed specifically to address the risks associated with dropped objects in the workplace. This standard sets the bar for designing, testing, and evaluating the performance of active systems that prevent dropped objects in the workplace. It was created to provide clear guidance on the use of these active prevention systems, ensuring that the tools and equipment used are effective and reliable in keeping everyone safe. ANSI/ISEA 121-2023 focuses on equipment

Payment for PPE, "exempted footwear provides the protection of an ordinary safety-toe shoe or boot, while footwear with additional safety attributes beyond this (e.g., shoes and boots with special soles) fall under the employer payment requirement." The agency also said that, "[t]he term 'non-specialty' is used to indicate that the footwear being exempted is not of a type designed for special use on the job (e.g., rubber steel-toe shoes)." 72 Fed. Reg. 64342, 64348 (Nov. 15, 2007). Further, OSHA used rubber boots with steel toes as an example of PPE for which employer payment is required if used to comply with an OSHA standard. See Table V-2 of the Final PPE Payment Rule, 72 Fed. Reg. 64342, 64353 (Nov. 15, 2007). Therefore, for the scenario described, the employer is required to pay for the steel-toe rubber boots.

Saf-T-Gard Spotlight



Kristen Mrockowski is a Purchasing Specialist at Saf-T-Gard International, Inc. and joined the company about five months ago.

What Kristen likes about Saf-T-Gard:

"I like the friendly people, welcoming environment, and communicative management."

What makes Kristen's day:

"Being productive and helping others when I can!"

Kristen's outside interests are:

"I enjoy spending time with my nieces and nephews. They are

used to tether or contain hand tools, components, structures, and other items that could fall from heights.

2. This is the New and Approved Version.

The 2023 edition is the second iteration of the ANSI/ISEA 121 standard. Building on the original, it incorporates updated research and feedback from industry professionals to enhance safety measures and provide more comprehensive solutions for preventing dropped objects.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

The requirements of this standard establish a clear and formal definition of what constitutes a proper tethering system, moving away from makeshift solutions like duct tape and string.

WHAT DOES IT NOT DO?

This standard does not dictate how workers should use the equipment or specify what items need to be tethered and when. Proper usage guidelines are provided by the equipment manufacturer, while decisions on what and when to tether are determined by company policies or regulatory bodies.

3. Four Categories of Equipment are Covered.

The standard categorizes equipment into four main types:

- **Anchor Attachments** – Attachment points designed to be field installed on structures, equipment, or workers, to provide appropriate connection points for tethering.
- **Tool Attachments** – Attachment points designed to be field installed onto tools or equipment to provide appropriate connection points for tethering.
- **Tool Tethers** – Lanyards or materials designed to connect tools to approved anchor points.
- **Containers** – Devices designed to carry or transport tools and equipment to and from heights.

4. Voluntary Standard, but OSHA Says It's a Must.

While following the ANSI/ISEA 121-2023 standard is voluntary, OSHA requires employers to address falling/dropping objects hazards on the job (See sections 1910.23; 1910.28 of the OSHA General Industry Standard and sections 1926.451; 1926.501; 1926.759 of the OSHA Construction Standard). Sticking to this standard is a smart way to meet OSHA's rules and show that you're serious about keeping everyone safe on the job.

5. The Only Standard of Its Kind Worldwide.

The ANSI/ISEA 121-2023 isn't just a national guideline; it's the only global standard dedicated to stopping dropped objects. This makes it a unique and essential tool for anyone looking to set the highest safety benchmarks and lead the way in workplace safety, and it highlights the U.S.'s leadership in setting safety benchmarks for industries worldwide.

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between 3 and 8 years old! I love having sleepovers and playing with them. Seeing how much they love my boyfriend is quite adorable, too!"

OSHA Factoid



Must an employer have individuals trained to render first aid?

Yes. The OSHA requirement at 29 CFR 1910.151(b) states, "In the absence of an infirmary, clinic, or hospital in near proximity to the workplace which is used for the treatment of all injured employees, a person or persons shall be adequately trained to render first aid. Adequate first aid supplies shall be readily available."

As I See It



It is August 2024, and this month, let's explore identity and identification. At a very basic level, a commitment to facility safety includes signs and labels. To start, there are basic signs and labels for both lockout-tagout (LOTO) as well as basic standard posters and signs. Hazard communication violations consistently rank among the top OSHA violations every year. In addition to stock and standard signs and labels, fully-customized signs and labels can be produced for nearly any application. Ask your Saf-T-Gard sales or customer service representative for assistance in selecting safety signs and labels as well as designing custom signs in nearly any size and using a wide variety of base materials.

But there's more to identify and identification than just



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facility safety. Think about the identity and identification of your workers. There are so many ways to add your company logo to your PPE, in many cases up to 4-color imprints. How could you use personalized PPE in your organization to build teamwork? What about the public image benefits as well? Look around – so many outdoor workers have company logos on their safety caps and Hi-Viz vests. But there are so many more opportunities to add your company logo to gloves and protective eyewear.

Starting with the most common examples, safety caps and hats can be imprinted in full 4-colors. Most styles of safety caps and hats can be imprinted on the front and sides and the minimum order quantities and costs are reasonable.

Hi-Viz vests, t-shirts, and sweatshirts also can be imprinted in up to 4-colors while jackets and rainwear can have logos added in up to 2-colors. Even arc flash clothing can have your company logo embroidered on using flame-resistant thread to maintain the protective properties of the garment. So, when choosing PPE, remember that the first **P** is personal and with fast, cost-effective product logos added to your PPE, it really makes it **Personal**.

We also never forget that **PPE is Personal** – because we're Saf-T-Gard International – **Bringing Workers Home Safely Since 1936**.

Sincerely,
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