

Weekly Safety Meeting

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<i>Company Name</i>	<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Date</i>

Hard Hats

Head protection violations continue to be in the top ten most frequently cited violations resulting in more than 2 million dollars in penalties to employers. A survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of accidents and injuries noted that most workers who suffered impact injuries to the head were not wearing head protection.

The survey showed that in most instances where head injuries occurred, employers had not required their employees to wear head protection. Of those workers wearing hard hats, all but five percent indicated that they were required by their employers to wear them.

General:

- Your brain is the most vital part of your body and any damage done there will affect the rest of your body in some way
- Even small objects can seriously hurt you if you are unprotected and they fall from great heights
- Proper inspection of your hard hat for cracks and damage are important to ensure proper protection
- Altering your hard hat in any way can potentially ruin its effectiveness and put you at risk
- Like all PPE make sure you use the properly rated hard hat for the job i.e. do not wear a metal hard hat if you are working with electricity
- Do not wear ball caps under your hard hat as the button on top can cause an injury should an impact occur

Common complaints:

- They're too heavy: hard hats barely weigh more than most ball caps.
- They give me a head ache: make sure your hard hat is properly fitted and think that removing your hard hat could cause you a much bigger head ache.
- They're too hot: If properly fitted the hard hats should vent and actually tests have shown the area under the hard hat is cooler than the temperature outside

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STATISTICS OFFER PROOF POSITIVE THAT HARD HATS PREVENT OR LESSEN HEAD INJURIES. BE SMART. WEAR YOUR HARD HAT!

Additional Topics and Meeting Attendees on back:

ADDITIONAL TOPICS COVERED: (I.E. Hazcom, Emergency Plan)

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MEETING ATTENDEES:

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Basic Fire Safety

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