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Personal protective equipment (PPE) required of TFG event participants

When shopping for your personal protection kit bag, examine the item and packaging for the code numbers that will assure you of quality protection. The code numbers we expect are listed here. ANSI indicates conformity with the American National Standards Institute and the mark EU/CE indicates conformity with European Union standards.

Footwear

Inside the work zone you'll need:

Shoes, boots, clogs, even sandals that are compliant with ANSIZ41.1-1991 or EU/CE EN 346

An excellent article titled "Choose the Right Boots" is in Fine Homebuilding issue No. 192, January 2008, page 104.

If you need to be reassured about the safety of the safety toe, check out:

<http://mythbustersresults.com/episode42>

Hard Hat

Within 30' of the frame or any moving equipment you'll need:

A hard hat that meets ANSI Z89.1-2003 or EU/CE: EN397:1995

(SOME, but far from all modern climbing helmets will meet one of these standards.)

Eye Protection

When you are using anything with a cord or battery, swinging a mallet or a hammer you'll need: eye protection that meets ANSI Z87.1-2003 or EU/CE EN166

Hearing Protection

when using or proximate to power equipment you'll need: hearing protection that meets or exceeds ANSI S12.6-1997 or EU/CE EN 458

In summary, while this all sounds a bit daunting, the standards evolve very slowly and you should have little trouble assembling your PPE kit from listed components at very low cost. If you have a favorite old hard hat or pair of boots that were ever listed, we will be happy to accept same (subject to inspection) since the OSHA standards (an alphanumeric soup in their own right) usually begin with 'manufactured after xxxx'

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We want to make sure we have done the best we can to see that you and everyone else on the job stays safe.