



Gloves, Clothing and Shoes

☛ Gloves provide substantial protection for your hands.

- Cotton gloves are appropriate for general jobsite hazards.
- Check the MSDS or ask your supervisor for the most effective protection against solvents and other chemicals.
- Leather provides superior protection when you're working with hot asphalt and sheet metal, but thick mill cotton gloves are acceptable.



☛ Your clothing is your best line of defense against the elements and against work hazards.

- Long sleeved shirts and long pants without cuffs will provide some protection from hot asphalt, as well as from cancer-causing ultraviolet rays that come from the sun.
- Light-colored, natural-fibered clothing that covers your torso, arms, and legs will actually keep you cooler than if you don't wear as much covering. A hat will help as well.
- Sturdy clothing made from natural fibers, like cotton or wool, will protect you from all sorts of scrapes, bruises and burns.

☛ Boots will protect your feet from sharp, heavy, and hot objects.

- Over-the-ankle construction boots with leather uppers and heavy-duty soles are the most appropriate form of footwear for a large number of roofing jobs.
- Steel toes will provide added protection.
- The soles of your boots should be appropriate for the type of roof system you are installing.

Roof system

Built-up roofing
Single ply systems
Asphalt shingles

Ideal boot soles

rubber composite soles
neoprene/rubber soles
rubber soles

Gloves, clothing and shoes are important components of your personal protective equipment. The proper combination will protect you against the majority of hazards on the job site.

Gloves, Clothing and Shoes Training Tips

- Show several different types of gloves and boots. Discuss why different shoes and gloves are appropriate for different jobs.
- Show up wearing inappropriate PPE and ask the crew to comment on your gloves, clothing, and shoes.
- Ask the following questions:
 - Why is it always a good idea to wear a shirt on roofing projects?
 - Why shouldn't pants with cuffs be worn when working with hot asphalt?