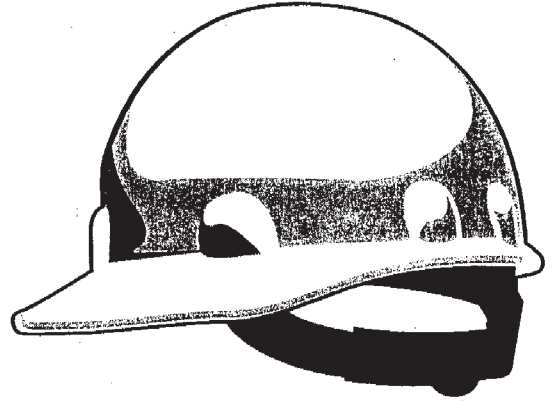




Hard Hats

☛ Wear a hard hat:

- whenever there is work going on above you;
- when working in the vicinity of a hoist or a crane;
- if you are working around low-hanging structures such as pipes or overhangs; or
- with a faceshield, if you are a kettleman.



☛ Like any other piece of personal protective equipment, the hard hat must be inspected on a regular basis and worn properly.

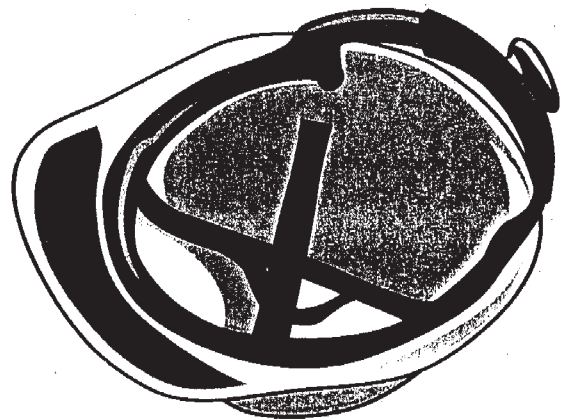
- All hard hats must have a suspension system that will absorb the impact of a falling object.
- The suspension system must be inspected regularly for damage.
- Hard hats with deep scratches or cracks of any kind must be replaced.
- The hard hat should be worn with the brim in the front in order to fully protect your face from falling objects.
- All hard hats must be stamped inside with the ANSI symbol.
- Whenever the hard hat is subjected to severe impact it must be inspected. If the suspension is damaged it can be replaced, but if the shell is damaged then the entire hard hat must be discarded.

☛ Your hard hat must be kept in good condition.

- Do not drill holes in the hard hat to increase ventilation. This makes the shell weak and it may not be able to withstand the force of an impact.
- Do not paint anything on the hard hat because many paints contain solvents that degrade plastics.

☛ Hard hats need to be worn regardless of weather conditions.

- On windy days, the headband should be adjusted to keep the hat on your head. Chin straps can also be used to secure it to your head.
- During the winter months, a fleece lining designed for hard hats can be snapped into place around the suspension straps.
- In the summer you may think you will be cooler without the hard hat, but leaving it on will actually keep you cooler by shielding you from the sun.



Hard Hats Training Tips

- Have a hard hat available to show the ANSI stamp, how the suspension system works, and how to inspect the hard hat.
- Ask the following questions:
 - What shouldn't you paint your hard hat or drill holes in it?
 - Why should you always wear it with the brim in the front?