



## Personal Protective Equipment

### ☛ Wear an ANSI-approved hard hat:

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

### ☛ Wear eye protection:

- anytime you are exposed to cutting, burning, chipping, grinding, applying solvents or welding.
- All approved eye protection will be stamped with "ANSI Z87".

### ☛ Wear hearing protection:

- whenever you are around loud equipment. It can deteriorate your hearing, so ask your supervisor for ear plugs or muffs.
- The higher the noise reduction rating (NRR) the better protection you will have.

### ☛ Wear hand protection:

- when working with hot asphalt. Whether you choose leather or cotton, the gloves must be snug-fitting around the wrist so that they can tucked under the cuffs of your long-sleeved shirt.
- when working with solvents or other chemicals. Check MSDS sheets or ask your supervisor so that you can choose the correct type of gloves.
- when working with sheet metal and other sharp objects.

### ☛ Wear clothing appropriate to your job.

- When working with hot asphalt, long sleeves are a must, as well as long pants without cuffs that cover the tops of heavy work boots.
- Cotton or denim clothing provides the best protection.
- Footwear must be durable and designed for construction work. Different jobs will demand different types of foot protection. Required footwear will depend on your job (shop or field), roof slope (low or steep) and roof type (built-up, metal or shingled).



## Personal Protective Equipment Training Tips

- After going over this sheet, ask the employees if they can list the PPE they have to wear, without looking at the Toolbox Talk.
- Explain that ANSI is the American National Standards Institute, and when something is "ANSI approved" it means that it meets certain requirements for safety and protection.
- Ask the employees if they know why their pants can't have cuffs (so asphalt doesn't pool there) or why their gloves have to be tucked under their sleeves (so that hot asphalt won't get into the gloves).