



## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Training



**PPE** is exactly what the name describes—items (equipment) which protect you from all manner of potential harm and hazards in the workplace . . . or at home for that matter. Injury or illness may result from contact with chemical, physical, electrical, mechanical, or other workplace hazards. In our everyday work we use PPE—the gloves you use when cleaning restrooms or other areas. PPE also includes things like safety glasses, earplugs, hard hats, and respirators or dust masks.

Before using any PPE check it over to make sure it is in good shape; gloves with holes in them won't protect you very well from pathogens in the restrooms. If you're using safety glasses or a dust mask, make sure they fit properly—a couple seconds spent double-checking your PPE could be the difference between being safely covered or dangerously exposed.

For our purposes we use these types of PPE as follows:

	Cleaning Restrooms	Cleaning Intakes	Cleaning wiring racks	Data Halls	Fan Relief Room
GLOVES	<b>Required</b>	Optional	Highly recommended	Optional	Optional
SAFETY GLASSES	Optional	Optional	Highly recommended	Optional	Optional
DUST MASK	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
EAR PLUGS	Optional	Optional	Optional	Highly recommended	Highly recommended

**Note:** If the site (or building) you are working at is under construction Facebook may require all persons in the construction zone to wear a safety vest, hard hat, and safety glasses. If you are unsure ask your supervisor.

Be aware of the environment you're going to be working in:

- You may encounter debris blowing around up in the Penthouse suites—protect your eyes and lungs.
- Some areas of the data halls and Penthouse suites can be very loud—protect your hearing.
- The anti-static solution we use for cleaning parts of the data halls and network wiring racks should not be absorbed through the skin—wear gloves.
- Wiping down eating areas; people cough and sneeze over tables all the time—good idea to wear gloves.



We have Safety Data Sheets (SDS) available for all the products we use on our website; your supervisor may also have them available in a binder for reference. These items are covered in the separate *Hazardous Materials* and *Chemicals* training. Know where these are located and be familiar with the PPE recommendations for each chemical or cleaner you may be exposed to.



PPE are also **required** when cleaning up a biohazard event to prevent potential contamination to themselves or others. Procedures for proper removal of gloves after cleaning up a biohazard are at the end of our *Bloodborne Pathogens* training.