



## Basic PPE for crane operators

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is the last layer of protection for crane operators and other workers. This toolbox talk focuses on the basic requirements for PPE around cranes. More PPE may be needed depending on the situation. All PPE must meet standards acceptable to WorkSafeBC. Basic PPE on a worksite includes the following:

### Hart hats

Everyone working on or around a crane must wear a hard hat. Hard hats can prevent head injuries from falling objects or bumping into surfaces, especially in cramped spaces.

### Eye protection

Safety glasses protect your eyes from dust, tools, or flying particles. In some cases, other types of eye protection (such as safety goggles) may be required.

### Hand protection

When loading or unloading a crane, your hands may be at risk of cuts, scrapes, rubbing, or grinding. Gloves can help protect your hands.

### Safety footwear

Always wear CSA-approved safety footwear on the job to protect your feet. The right footwear can also reduce your risk of slips, trips and falls. Your footwear should fit you well, and you should inspect and maintain it regularly.



### High-visibility clothing

If you work around mobile equipment, you must wear high-visibility clothing to help drivers see you, especially in low-light conditions. Talk with safety personnel at your worksite to confirm what type of high-visibility clothing you need.

### Hearing protection devices

Hazardous levels of noise can cause temporary or permanent damage to your hearing. Hearing protection devices (such as earmuffs or earplugs) can help reduce your risk of hearing damage. Wear your hearing protection when you are exposed to noise on the job, and make sure you wear it properly.

### OHSR Reference: Part 8

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For more information on health and safety requirements for crane operations in BC, refer to the *Workers Compensation Act* and the OHS Regulation at [worksafebc.com](http://worksafebc.com).