

## **Personal Protective Equipment Best Practices**

Personal protective equipment or 'PPE' is your last line of defense against hazards in the workplace. Basic PPE required for working in the warehouse or while working in the yard includes the following:

- Gloves (Cut level-2 at a minimum)
- Safety glasses
- Safety toe/steel toe boots
- High visibility apparel
- **\*Yard workers require the use of hardhats\***
- Welding and grinding operations require use of face shields
- Work with high decibel levels requires earplugs at a minimum and may also require the use of a noise reducing headset.

Defective or damaged PPE should not be used, and should be stored in a clean, dry place away from chemicals and direct sunlight. PPE must be inspected for damage before every use. Personal protective equipment shall be provided to employees at no cost to them.

Exposure to bloodborne pathogens (BBP), respirable particles, high decibel levels, or welding/grinding operations will change the basic PPE requirements for employees. These PPE requirements should be evaluated prior to the beginning of work and upon the completion of a Job Safety Analysis (JSA).

If exposure to any of the hazards mentioned above is anticipated, contact your manager or a safety representative to get the appropriate PPE prior to beginning the task.

