Personal Protective Equipment

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is an important means of preventing workplace injuries. It is equipment worn to minimize exposure to a variety of hazards. In the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry here at Utah State University, commonly found PPE includes:

- Eye protection
  - Safety goggles or glasses

- Lab Coat
  - Buttoned

- Gloves
  - The type of glove utilized is specific to the chemical being used

If you are in a work area, the minimum PPE required is safety glasses. Remember, even if you are not actively working, someone else probably is and accidents can happen.

Exemptions from wearing PPE should never be allowed, even for jobs that ‘only take a few minutes.’

Safety Question

When is wearing eye protection required?
A. When the worker has less than 5 years of experience
B. When it is raining
C. When in the building
D. When in a work area

The first research group to submit the highest percentage of correct answers will receive a pizza party (up to three large pizzas) courtesy of the USU Student Safety Committee. All members of a research group must submit responses in order to qualify. Responses must be submitted by each individual. Individual responses must be submitted to snanderson@aggiemail.usu.edu by April 18, 2014.

Ref: OSHA Safety and Health Regulations Related to SPF Applications
Module Three: Personal Protective Equipment Handouts and Quiz

Graduate student Sushma Saraf demonstrating appropriate PPE