

Personal Protective Equipment: Shoes

- Safety footwear should be inspected before each use.
- Shoes and leggings should be checked for wear and tear at reasonable intervals.
- The soles of shoes should be checked for pieces of metal or other embedded items that could present electrical or tripping hazards.
- Workers should follow the manufacturers' instructions for the cleaning and maintenance of protective footwear.
- At a minimum, all work in labs and shops must be done with close-toed shoes.

<p>Steel or composite toed safety shoes, boots, or covers</p>	<p>Steel or composite toed safety shoes, boots, or covers protects the toes when personnel are exposed to a crushing or impact injury. Slip-on toe caps are available when toe protection is required for short or temporary use.</p>
<p>Metatarsal Guard</p>	<p>Metatarsal guards provide protection to the instep from impact and compression. Metatarsal guards are made of aluminum, steel, fiber, or plastic and can be strapped to the outside of shoes.</p>
<p>Toe Guards</p>	<p>Toe guards cover the toes of regular shoes to protect them from impact and compression hazards. They can be made from steel, aluminum, or plastic.</p>
<p>Combination Foot and Shin Guards</p>	<p>Combination foot and shin guards provide protection for the lower legs and feet, and can be combined with toe guards for additional protection.</p>
<p>Chemical-Resistant Shoes</p>	<p>Chemical-resistant shoes are made of a variety of materials that protect against chemical and biological hazards. Ensure that the protective material is compatible with the chemical being used. Slip-on overshoes or booties can also provide chemical or biological protection.</p>
<p>Slip-Resistant Shoes</p>	<p>Slip-resistant shoes provides protection for the midsole of the foot, where sharp objects can pierce or penetrate the sole of the shoe.</p>
<p>Safety Shoes for Shops & Field Work</p>	<p>Specialized foot protection is required for hazardous field work tasks including: potential impacts from tools, machinery and/or materials; high-voltage electrical work; wet environments; work in extreme temperatures;</p> <p>Ask your supervisor for help selecting shoe protection for specialized work.</p>