

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT | AUGUST SAFETY SEGMENTS



Personal protective equipment (PPE) is part of the hierarchy of controls in hazard management. PPE is lowest on the list of desired controls after engineering and administrative controls but PPE plays a necessary part in the everyday work performed in continuing care

MASKS & FACESHIELDS

DIRECTIONS

In recent years the use of masks and face shields has become very common. However, workers need to be aware that selecting the face covering appropriate to the work and possible hazards present is important. This becomes even more important when there is a potential for coming into contact with blood or body fluids. This safety segment can be augmented by showing the "[Informal Hazard Assessments](#)" video and providing the "[Understanding Eye Protection](#)" handout.

SAFETY SEGMENT DISCUSSION

Guiding Questions:

- What situations might call for you to don a face shield or protective eyewear?
- Are normal prescription glasses an acceptable alternative to a face shield?
- Should you also wear a mask if wearing a face shield?

Notes to the Team Leader:

- Facilitate an atmosphere of support and openness to the notion of continuous mask wearing if the individual feels they need to
- Emphasize the need for faceshields when the potential for splatter or blood and body fluids are present



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