

PPE Care and Storage

Introduction

PPE must be cared for properly to remain effective. Dirty, damaged, or poorly stored PPE puts workers at risk.

Hazards & Controls

Dirty PPE : Clean or decontaminate at the frequency and using the methods specified by the manufacturer and employer. Some contaminated items must be discarded.

Improper storage : Store PPE in a clean, dry area away from sunlight.

Shared PPE : Clean and disinfect between users as appropriate for the item and exposure. Use only approved products and methods; do not share equipment intended for individual use.

Safety Reminders

Never store PPE in toolboxes with sharp tools.

Replace worn parts only as authorized by the manufacturer. Tag and remove unsafe equipment from service until properly repaired or replaced.

Follow manufacturer's care instructions.

Engagement Questions

Where should PPE be stored at this site?

What happens if PPE is not cleaned regularly?

Sources and use notice

[OSHA: PPE care and useful life training](#)

[OSHA: Respirator care and repair](#)

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