GENERAL INFORMATION

Below is general information about the issuing body, the regulation itself as well as the most recent versions of the relevant regulations.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY 
& HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA)

Government agency designed to ensure comprehensive safety and health of America’s workers. Sets/Enforces protective regulations; provides technical/consultative training, outreach and education. OSHA and its state partners’ principal activities include workplace inspections, plus technical and support personnel.


CURRENT VERSIONS

OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1910.132
PPE General Requirements (Updated 2007)

OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1910.133
PPE Eye & Face Requirements (Updated 1996)

Current versions of the regulations can be found on the U.S. Department of Labor OSHA website www.osha.gov.

WARNING: This reference guide provides only an overview and is not intended to be used as a replacement for the specifications/standards shown. Honeywell Safety Products recommends all users of its products thoroughly read and understand the actual applicable specifications/standards when determining appropriate personal protection equipment to be used in a particular work environment.

At Honeywell Safety Products, makers of Uvex® safety eyewear, we understand that building a culture of safety is essential to maintaining a safe workplace. We’re committed to helping you create a safe organization with educational resources and tools.

This reference guide will provide you with a better understanding of Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) regulations as they relate to PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) and safety eyewear.
1910.132 (a) Application

Para. 1910.132(a) applies to employers covered by this subpart. Employers shall comply with the requirements of this paragraph in any context in which personal protective equipment (PPE) is necessary; including personal protective equipment used to comply with this part, used to comply with any other standard, or used to comply with any other requirement of this subpart.

1910.132 (b) Employee-Owned Equipment

1910.132 (b)(1) Employers shall be responsible to provide each employee with personal protective equipment at no cost to the employee.

1910.132 (b)(2) Where employees provide their own protective equipment, the employer shall be responsible to assure its adequacy, including proper maintenance, and sanitation of such equipment.

1910.132 (c) Design

A personal protective equipment that is of safe design and construction for the work to be performed shall be provided, used and maintained in a sanitary and reliable condition wherever it is necessary by reason of hazards of processes or environment, chemical or physical contact.

1910.132 (d) Hazard Assessment & Equipment

1910.132 (d)(1) Where personal protective equipment is necessary, the employer shall assess workplace for hazards (present or likely to be present), which necessitate the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). If such hazards are present, or likely to be present, the employer shall ensure that the affected employee is informed of the hazards identified in the hazard assessment (1910.132(c)). Communicate selection decisions to each affected employee; and, which identifies the document as a certification of hazard assessment.

1910.132 (d)(2) The employer shall verify that each affected employee has received and understood the required training through a written certification that contains the names of each employee trained, the dates of training, and that identifies the names of each employee trained.

1910.132 (e) Defective & Damaged Equipment

Defective or damaged personal protective equipment shall not be used.

1910.132 (f) Training

1910.132 (f)(1) Each affected employee shall be trained to know at least the following:

(i) When PPE is required;1910.132 (f)(1)(ii) What PPE is necessary;1910.132 (f)(1)(iii) How to properly don, doff, adjust, and use PPE. Each such employee shall be trained to know at least the following:

(i) When PPE is required;1910.132 (f)(1)(ii) What PPE is necessary;1910.132 (f)(1)(iii) How to properly don, doff, adjust, and use PPE;1910.132 (f)(1)(iv) The limitations of the PPE; and,1910.132 (f)(1)(v) The proper care, maintenance, use, and disposal of the PPE.1910.132 (f)(2) Each affected employee shall demonstrate an understanding of the training, specified paragraph (f)(1) of this section, and the ability by a practical test conducted by an employer knowledgeable in the subject of personal protective equipment (PPE) to use, wear, and maintain personal protective equipment. If such training is required, or if an employee fails to demonstrate an understanding of all the mandatory elements of the training, the employer must re-train the employee(s) who failed the test(s) and evaluate the employee(s) to ensure conformity to this paragraph.

1910.132 (g) Applicability

Paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section apply only to 1910.132(a), (b), (d), and (f) and 1910.138. Paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of this section apply only to 1910.135.