

# Maintaining PPE

**PPE is the last defense against hazards, and should be properly maintained!**

## Inspecting PPE

Wear and tear often goes unnoticed until *after* a failure or incident occurs.

### Hard Hats

Look for dents, cracks, or discolouration, which could indicate material weakening.



### Gloves

Examine seams and surfaces for punctures, thinning, or weakening.



### Harnesses

Inspect buckles, stitching, and webbing for signs of fraying or stress.



### Hi-Vis Clothing

Check the visibility strips for fading and cracking, and ensure that all velcro/zippers are still functioning properly.



### Safety Glasses

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### Steel-toed boots

Check the soles, laces, and body for wear, make sure the steel toe is in good shape.



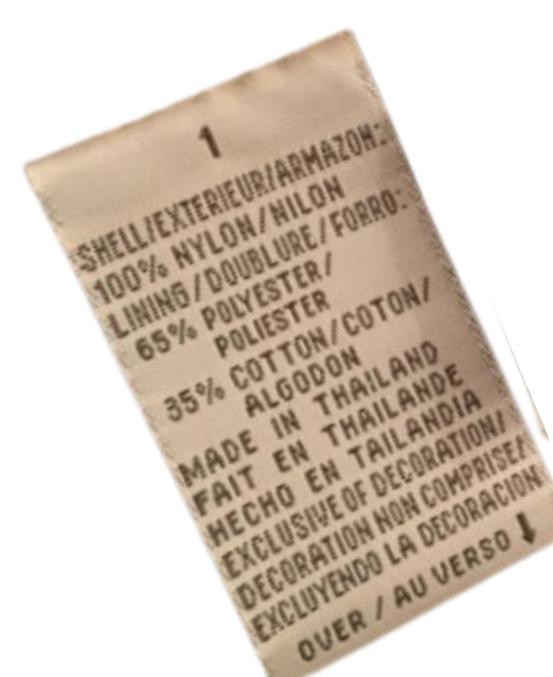
## Store Equipment Properly

Improper storage is one of the leading causes of premature PPE wear. Exposure to extreme temperatures, sunlight, or moisture can degrade materials and make them less functional.

- Keep PPE in a dry, ventilated area sheltered from direct sunlight.
- Use designated storage racks or bins to avoid piling items on top of each other.
- Ensure chemical-resistant wear is stored away from volatile substances that may cause damage.

## Wash PPE with care:

When washing PPE, make sure to follow the care instructions on the label. In general, try to avoid harsh detergents, high heat drying, and ironing.



**“Safety is a core value and business priority”**