

HARD HAT SAFETY



DID YOU KNOW

- Head injuries account for 9% of all injuries to laborers
- In 2012 more than 65,000 cases involving days away from work occurred due to head injuries in the workplace.
- There were 1,050 deaths sustained on the job in 2015 from head injuries
- Manufacturers do not recommend wearing of the standard hard hat backwards unless designed where the suspension can be adjusted for wearing backwards.

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- Two (2) Types of hard hats:
 - Type I – Designed to protect workers from falling objects and impact that strikes the top of the helmet from above.
 - Type II – Designed to protect from blows and objects coming from the side or laterally. Protection extends to the front, back, side, and top. These are tested for off-center penetration resistance and chin strap retention.
- Three (3) Industrial Classes of Hard Hats:
 - Class G - General : provide protection against impact and penetration hazards. Limited to 2,200 volts
 - Class E – Electrical: protect up to 20,000 volts.
 - Class C – Conductive: lightweight impact protect. NO protection against electrical hazards

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- ANSI statute Z89.1-2009 requires particular information to be permanently printed inside each hard hat, including the date of manufacture. (11/2016 in the photo)
- The longest a hard hat should be in service is 5 years from date of manufacture. (11/21 expiration)
- If you work in the sun for long hours, may need to replace your hard hat after 2 years, depending on the condition.
- Manufacturer's recommend replacing the suspension every 12 months

