

# How to Use Safety Shoes and Protective Goggles



**The Guide to Wearing Personal Protective Equipment(PPE) is available.**

- KOSHA's Occupational Safety & Health Certification Institute(OSHCI)(Director General Kim Young-tae) encourages workers to wear protective gear safely and properly. To prevent the use of uncertified equipment, OSHCI has added the "Guide to Wearing Safety Shoes and Protective Goggles" to its Guide to Wearing Safe Protective Equipment series of one-point lessons

› Recently, cases have come to light that indicate workers are at risk. Some workers at industrial sites are using protective equipment either unsuitable for the jobs at hand or improper for individual body types within a diverse workforce in terms of gender and age. Other workers have been found to be using uncertified items that do not ensure the necessary safety functions.

› In response, OSHCI has published and is disseminating to industrial sites leaflets containing information all users of safety gear must know. This includes details on the safety certification mark for safety shoes and protective goggles, instructions on how to use them, and matters to be aware of.

- The leaflet points out what to consider at the time safety gear is purchased: ❶ selecting the appropriate product capacity and grade for the work that is to be performed and ❷ verifying the KCs safety certification that guarantees the safety and protection functions of the safety gear in question.
- Information on whether the product has been KCs safety certified as well as on the capacity and grade of the product is available on the safety certification mark or you may go to the OSHCI homepage for verification.
- \* Information on KCs safety certification and capacity/rating can be verified through the "safety certification mark" on the given products or checked at the NURIJIP of the OSHCI website(miis.kosha.or.kr)

› According to the data provided, when selecting safety shoes and protective goggles:

- When selecting industrial-use safety shoes, one must not only consider the prevention of injuries from a falling object, an impact, or a puncture. Additional criteria that need to be met include water resistance, electrical shock prevention, and protection against injury from chemical substances.
- With industrial-use protective goggles, the emphasis is on selecting the appropriate shade level to suit the work usage and degree of harmful radiation and using only after checking to see that the lens surface is free of bubbles or pits.

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➤ has been distributed to over 4,400 locations, including construction companies and manufacturers with at least 100 workers as well as makers of safety-certified products. You may also verify this on the Korea Occupational Safety & Health Administration homepage.

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