

OSHA PPE Standard Update

On Sept. 9, 2009 OSHA issued a final rule revising the PPE sections of its general industry, shipyard employment, long-shoring and marine terminals standards to reflect recent editions of the applicable national consensus standards that incorporate advances in technology. This standard affects PPE standards concerning requirements for eye and face, head and foot protection, goes into effect Oct. 9, 2009. This final rule is another step in OSHA's efforts to update or remove references to outdated national consensus and industry standards."

In 2007, OSHA proposed replacing references to outdated consensus standards with the requirement that PPE must conform to "good design standards." The International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) objected to this proposal, saying it did not assure a minimum level of protection. This new final rule discards the good design approach and instead relies on recent consensus standards

Eye and Face Protection

ANSI Z87.1-2003 American National Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection.

ANSI Z87.1-1989(R-1998) American National Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection

ANSI Z87.1-1989 American National Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection

Head Protection

ANSI Z89.1-2003 American National Standard for Industrial Head Protection

ANSI Z89.1-1997 American National Standard for Industrial Head Protection

ANSI Z89.1-1986 American National Standard for Personnel Protection-Protection Headwear for Industrial Workers

Foot Protection

ASTM F-2412-2005 Standard Test Methods for Foot Protection

ASTM F-2413-2005 Standard Specification for Performance

Incorporated by reference

ANSI Z41-1999 American National Standard for Personal Protection-Protective Footwear

ANSI Z41-1991 American National Standard for Personal Protection – Protective Footwear.

The above standards are available through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 West 43rd Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036 212-642-4900, <http://www.ansi.org>
Another address is ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, 610-832-9585, <http://www.astm.org>

The ANSI Z41-1999 are available through the National Safety Council, P.O. Box 558, Itasca, IL 60143-0558, 1-800-621-7619, <http://www.nsc.org>

ANSI Z87.1-2003 are available from the American Society of Safety Engineers, 1800 East Oakton Street, Des Plaines, IL 60018-2187, 847-699-2929 or from the International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA), 1901 North Moore Street, Arlington, VA 22209-1762, 703-525-1695, <http://www.safetyequipment.org>