

*“Prepare and prevent, don’t repair and repent.”*

*~Unknown*

# Safety Notes



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## QUICK TIPS:

Safety shoes get more comfortable the more they are worn. However, all safety shoes eventually need to be replaced. Check your shoes often to ensure that they still perform the protective function for which they were designed.



Try non-slip overshoes. They extend the life of your safety shoes, and can be washed in a dishwasher.



## Foot Protection

**On average, there are 180,000 foot-related injuries per year in the United States. The average cost to treat each injury is close to \$6,000. Of these injuries, over 1,500 resulted in time away from work. Many of these injuries could be prevented by identifying hazards and utilizing protective footwear to mitigate the results of associated accidents. In accordance with OSHA’s General Duty Clause, employers have an obligation to protect workers from serious and recognized workplace hazards. However, it is still the employee’s responsibility to ensure that they understand the hazards associated with their job tasks, and to use appropriate safety equipment. By following these steps, you can improve the odds that you arrive home safely:**



- 1. Identify hazards that may harm your feet.**
- 2. Choose appropriate footwear for hazardous work tasks.**
- 3. Know the limitations of your foot protection.**
- 4. Ensure that your protective footwear is serviceable prior to use.**

## Getting Started

Different work environments require different types of foot protection. The State of Florida Loss Prevention Program offers training material to aid in the proper selection and use of protective footwear. Please visit the site link below to view the presentation.

### [Protective Footwear Training](#)

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