

Introduction

The program provides guidance for the acquisition and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for non-filming and filming activities in British Columbia.

Purpose

- Ensure the safety of all production crew members, cast, visitors, contractors and staff
- Ensure the availability of required personal protective equipment for production employees.
- Comply with BC regulatory requirements

Scope

All production departments (based on activities, locations and conditions).

Responsibilities

Production Management (Executive Producer, Line Producer, UPM)

- Provide the direction and resources necessary to support this program
- Ensure that crew members and staff are aware of, and comply with the guidelines within this program.

Supervisors (Department Heads/Coordinators, Keys)

- Assess and determine the need for PPE.
- Ensure subordinates are properly trained on PPE as necessary.
- Ensure risk guidance is communicated to subordinates.
- Ensure PPE is being worn and worn properly.

Individuals (Crew Members, Staff)

- Wear PPE as necessary.
- Clean, service and or replace PPE as needed.

Production Safety Coordinator/Advisor

- Provide guidance to management, department heads, supervisors and employees on appropriate PPE.
- Assist with locating appropriate PPE as needed.

Contractors

- Ensure appropriate PPE is provided to contractor employees as needed.
- Ensure proper care and maintenance of PPE.

The Joint Health and Safety Committee

- Review written risk assessments to ensure compliance
- Provide guidance on risk assessments when necessary

4. Procedural Guidelines

General Requirements

- The Production will ensure that the necessary PPE is provided to crew members, and that it meets the requirements of an acceptable standard before use (e.g. CSA Approved or other acceptable standard).
- Before use of any PPE, the crew member must be trained on the fit, selection, use, storage, inspection, cleaning, maintenance and limitations of their specific PPE. All PPE will be kept clean and free of contaminants by following proper cleaning and storage procedures.
- PPE will not be used that is defective or does not fit properly, since it will not provide the crew member with effective protection.
- If the use of PPE creates a hazard(s) equal to or greater than those it is intended to prevent, alternative PPE must be provided and used, or other appropriate precautionary measures must be taken.
- Crew members will ensure that their personal clothing (street clothes) does not create a safety hazard. For example, if there is a danger of contact with moving parts or machinery, personal clothing should fit closely to the body. Dangling neckwear, bracelets, wristwatches, and rings must not be worn and long hair should be tied back to prevent it from being caught in machinery.

Safety Headgear

- Hard hats must be worn by all crew members in any work area where there is a danger of head injury from falling, flying or thrown objects. Safety headgear must meet the requirements for industrial applications and class "B" requirements for construction applications.

Safety Footwear

- Safety footwear must be worn that is appropriate to the protection required, (e.g., puncture resistant soles, toe protection, metatarsal protection, dielectric protection, etc.) Footwear must meet the requirements of CSA Standard CAN/CSA-Z195-M92, Protective Footwear.

Respiratory Protection

- Appropriate respiratory protection will be provided and worn by crew members if they are or may be exposed to air contaminants in excess of regulatory exposure limits. If there is a
- doubt that the crew member has the ability to effectively wear respiratory protection for medical reasons, then a medical evaluation will be conducted, and the employee shall not be allowed to perform the job task until that evaluation is completed.
- The respirator selected must be appropriate for the hazard and the protection required. Each crew member wearing a respirator is required to be fit-tested to ensure that the respirator provides an effective seal. Every employee who is required to wear a respirator must also be clean-shaven for the respirator to provide an effective seal. Respiratory protection must meet the requirements of CSA Standard CAN/CSA- Z94.4-02, Selection, Use and Care of Respirators.

Hearing Protection

- Where it is not practicable to reduce noise levels below 90 dBA (8 hour exposure), crew members must wear appropriate hearing protection, in accordance with the CSA Standard Z94.2-94, Hearing Protectors. Also, crew members must not be exposed to peak sound levels above 115 dBA.
- Audiometric tests are required for those crew members that are exposed to noise levels that may exceed the 90 dBA exposure limit. Testing is available through IATSE or a similar service provider will be requested to come to the studio or location site to offer the hearing tests. The hearing tests are to be coordinated through the Production Office.

Eye & Face Protection

- When crew members are performing activities that have the potential to injure or irritate the eyes, appropriate safety eye wear must be worn. Prescription safety eye wear must meet the requirements of the CSA Standard CAN/CSA-Z94.3-92, Industrial Eye and Face Protectors.

High Visibility Vest

- Crew members exposed to the hazards of vehicles travelling at speeds in excess of 30 km/h (20 mph) must wear high visibility apparel meeting the Type 1 or Type 2 criteria of WCB Standard Personal Protective Equipment Standard 2-1997, High Visibility Garment.
- A worker whose duties on the work site result in exposure to the hazards of mobile equipment must wear high visibility apparel meeting at least the Type 3 criteria of WCB Standard Personal Protective Equipment Standard 2-1997, High Visibility Garment.

Fall Protection

- Employees working at heights above three meters (ten feet) require protection from falls. Acceptable protection would include guardrails, a harness and lanyard, and restricted access zones. All fall protection equipment must meet the requirements of the appropriate CSA Standard.
- Other Special Protective Clothing
- There may be other special protective equipment and/or clothing required, depending on the work to be conducted (e.g., life jackets if performing work on water).