



GUIDELINES FOR PROPER PPE USE AND CARE

From multi-bands to safety glasses and hi-vis apparel, there are certain best practices for usage and cleaning of all PPE. Taking these measures is especially important given the current threat of Covid-19.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- All PPE should be assigned to a specific individual—it is not to be shared under any circumstance.
- PPE should not be reused without proper daily cleaning. For this reason, individuals should be allocated enough equipment to support multiple days of work.
- Before and after placing or removing PPE, wash hands with soap and water or disinfect with alcohol-based hand rub for at least 20 seconds.
- Face protection should cover both the nose and mouth. As much as possible, avoid adjusting face masks and safety glasses.

CLEANING

PPE should be cleaned daily per the care instructions on the product label or packaging. In the case of lost or missing instructions, please reference the below recommendations.

FOR ITEMS THAT ARE MACHINE WASHABLE (FACE MASKS, BANDANAS, COOLING TOWELS, ETC.)

- Machine Wash: Face coverings can usually be included with regular laundry. Use standard detergent and wash in the warmest appropriate setting for the cloth used (most Ergodyne products are cold water wash only).
- Drying: If using a dryer, use the highest appropriate heat setting until completely dry. If a dryer is not available, lay flat to air dry—placing in direct sunlight when possible.

FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT MACHINE WASHABLE (SAFETY GLASSES, HARD HATS, ETC.)

- Washing by Hand: Wash in warm soapy water, soak for five minutes and rinse thoroughly with cool water. If bleach is intended for disinfectant, mix 1/3 cup household bleach per gallon of water. Soak for five minutes and rinse thoroughly with cool water.
- Drying: Lay flat to air dry, placing in direct sunlight when possible.