



Oklahoma's oil and natural gas producers go to great lengths for employee health and safety around all production facilities. In addition to strict compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety standards, producers deploy additional safety precautions with their employees, contractors and visitors at active work sites.

Many companies employ specialists and conduct programs designed to ensure that each employee understands the necessity of personal protection equipment (PPE). They are trained on how to properly wear it, what it will and won't do, and how to care for and maintain it.

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**Personal protective equipment is used to protect employees and visitors when engineering and administrative controls are not feasible. All personal protection equipment must meet federal safety standards for PPE.**

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This includes protection for the eyes, face, head and extremities, fire protective clothing, respiratory devices, protective shields and barriers. This often means that workers are required to wear shatter proof safety glasses with protective side shields.

Hard hats are also required on all active sites to help protect each employee and visitor from a potential head injury. These special hard hats are designed to reduce force of impact and some are also designed to help protect against electrical shock.



*Depending on the specific function of the employee, safety gloves may be required. These gloves protect employees from potential exposure to burns and cuts.*

All employees and visitors that will be within 75 feet of an oil or natural gas wellbore must wear flame resistant clothing (FRC). This special clothing must cover the upper and lower body, and the outer most layer of clothing must always be flame resistant. The key to FR clothing is that it self-extinguishes; which dramatically reduces the severity of burn injuries.



*Steel-toed boots are also required on all active sites to protect against falling, moving or protruding objects.*

Companies are serious about keeping their employees safe and providing safe work environments. They are hiring specialists to ensure that employees are correctly trained with the proper protective equipment and regularly monitoring safety programs. These programs are reducing risks to oil and natural gas workers and helping keep them safer, healthier and more productive.

#### LEARN MORE

*To learn more about work site safety and the standards set forth by OSHA, please visit the following:*

Occupational Health and Safety Administration: Standards and Enforcements for Oil and Natural Gas Extraction:  
<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/oilgaswelldrilling/standards.html>

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