

SAFETY MEETING TOPIC

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Job Name _____ Location _____ Job No. _____

Meeting Leader _____ Title _____

Date Held _____ Place _____ Time _____

Subject of Meeting HARD HATS

OSHA law mandates that hard hats be worn by all employees who are working in areas where there is a possibility of falling for flying objects, electric shock or of bumping one's head. Most jobsites today require that hard hats be worn at all times while on the jobsite. Hard hats are designed for impact must be designed to the American National Safety Standard (ANSI) standard Z89.1-1969. Similarly hats to protect against electric shock must meet ANSI standard Z89.2 -1971.

Hard hats should be checked regularly for cracks, broken areas or signs of deterioration. Care must be taken as to the decals that are put on a hard hat. There is a possibility that the decal or adhesive materials could cause deterioration or change the dielectric strength of the hat. The sun's ultraviolet rays can alter the properties of a hat left in the back window of your vehicle.

There should always be space between the shell of the hard hat and the suspension inside. It is this space that absorbs the impact of a blow.

Check the suspension assembly for normal wear and tear. Replace it immediately if it is showing any signs of deterioration.

Quite often you will hear a co-worker complaining about having to wear a hard hat because they're too heavy or hot. The fact is, hard hats weigh less than one pound which is relatively light when you consider what they're protecting. Also, tests performed in ambient temperatures of 110 degrees showed that the temperature inside the hat was more than 5 degrees cooler than the outside air.

HARD HATS CANNOT PREVENT ACCIDENTS BUT THEY CAN PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY.