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Wear Your Personal Protective Equipment

Personal Protective Equipment needs to be worn at all times in our hazardous work environment. Even when we do our best to eliminate or control hazards, there are still remote but severe potential consequences from nature doing the unexpected. Worse yet, there is always the possibility of a breakdown in procedures.

There was an incident this year where a worker was sitting on a stump taking a break, apparently out of the line-of-fire. Unexpectedly, the 6-foot top portion of a danger tree came down from behind him and struck the worker. The worker suffered compression fracture of vertebrae in his back and will make a full recovery. However, if he hadn't been wearing his HARD HAT, it would have been a different story.

SAFETY GLASSES or face shields are mandatory for workers in the shop or dry land sort, to protect against metal or wood debris flying in an unexpected but tragic direction—it has happened. The same applies to forestry & engineering crews when blazing trail in the woods, or for rigging and road crew workers pounding metal—even for a second—that's all it has taken to lose an eye. When anyone is exposed to these worksite hazards, wear your PPE at all times, even during lunch and a break. Danger strikes when we least expect it, and your PPE is the last line of defence!

Please ensure this BULLETIN is posted, and reviewed by all employees.

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