

TOOLBOX TALK

PPE – FOOT PROTECTION: EP10

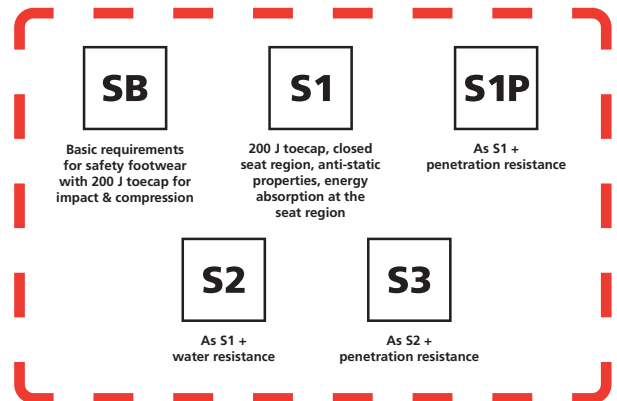
Safety Footwear Selection:

When selecting safety shoes, consider the specific hazards present in your environment. Ensure a comfortable fit, and opt for ankle support and lace-up boots if needed for the task. Identify potential foot hazards for the job and choose the appropriate footwear. For instance:

- Use shoes with protective toe caps if falling objects are a hazard.
- Choose footwear with slip-resistant soles, particularly when working around water or on slippery surfaces.
- Select soles that are puncture-resistant if there is a risk of stepping on nails, scrap metal, or other sharp objects.



TECHNICAL CLASSIFICATIONS FOR SAFETY FOOTWEAR (ISO 20345)



Cleaning Safety Shoes:

- Avoid scuffing the upper leather or treading on sharp edges that could cut or tear the sole.
- Clean your shoes regularly.
- Remove excess mud and dirt and wipe clean with a damp cloth and allow drying thoroughly, preferably overnight at room temperature.
- Never force dry your footwear if they become wet, as direct heat may distort the upper and cause the leather to crack.
- If your footwear has a leather upper apply a good quality wax polish or shoe cream regularly.
- If your footwear has a Nubuck or suede upper it should be gently rubbed with a stiff bristled brush.
- Soles should be checked regularly and stones and metal shavings removed from the cleats.
- If the laces become worn, replace immediately to ensure a good fit.

It is very important to note that damaged footwear will not provide the necessary protection you require, and they should be replaced immediately if not in the suitable condition to protect your feet.



- **Water-Resistant:** These shoes are designed to keep water out to some extent, typically by incorporating water-resistant materials into the upper part of the shoe. They can handle light rain and splashes but cannot be submerged in water.
- **Waterproof:** These shoes are equipped with a waterproof liner that prevents any liquid from penetrating the boot. They can be submerged in water and still keep your feet dry.

Most safety footwear is made from leather. Leather is NOT waterproof, or water-resistant, unless it has been specifically treated.

Need Help?

One of our sales executives will be available to consult to assess the hazards in your environment and recommend the correct safety boots. Contact us for assistance:

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