

2.9 Personal Protective Equipment

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is always the last line of defense against machine hazards. PPE must never be utilized as a substitute for proper machine guarding. PPE must always compliment properly engineered and implemented guarding systems. Eye and hearing protection are the most common forms required PPE when operating most types of machinery. Care must always be taken when selecting PPE to be worn while operating a machine. Certain forms of PPE may create additional hazards such as the risk of becoming caught in a machine. PPE use will be evaluated as part of a hazard assessment performed by the PI, or Staff member that owns the machine. Factors must be considered which will ensure that the machine operator is able to maintain safe control over a machine at all times. Refer to the Rowan University Personal Protective Equipment Policy for additional information on performing PPE Hazard Assessments and general PPE requirements.