

We are looking at implementing use of protective glasses for certain SOPs, typically when handling, mixing, UV coatings and inks. This would be for selected tasks, not for the pressroom as a whole.

We are curious to know what best practices other printers follow. Do you require staff use of safety glasses and/or protective goggles in your pressrooms? Does anyone have a policy they would be willing to share?

We provide PPE to each employee based on their job functions. They are trained how to use it and when replacement is needed. At that point it becomes their responsibility to wear the appropriate PPE. Failure to do so becomes a safety infraction and training on unintended potential consequences takes place again.

We require safety glasses and vests in all production areas at all times except when color is being checked in the viewing areas (then glasses can be temporarily removed).

Currently the only time we require employees to wear protective eye wear is when they are changing the battery on the forklifts.

We require safety glasses in all areas of the warehouse.

We recently implemented a safety eyewear requirement for our pressroom. It takes a little while to get used to them, but we have had a very high compliance rate. People wear the eye protection at all times, in all departments on the manufacturing floor.

I would be interested in this information as well. We have struggled to come up with a similar program.

We require safety glasses whenever employees are handling any chemicals. On top of that, our sheet and web press areas are safety glasses required. Any employee entering these areas are required to have proper eye protection on. You should always treat the information presented on the SDS as the lowest level of PPE requirement.

Here is what it says in our safety manual:

Employees shall wear proper eye protection in areas designated by the company. There are also specific tasks that require the use of eye protection. Eye protection includes safety glasses, WITH side shields. Prescription safety glasses are covered to a point and the details of the program can be found in the PRESCRIPTION SAFETY GLASSES PROGRAM section of Safety Manual.

- Web Press and Sheet Press areas are safety glasses required inside of the work area boundaries, except when at light tables, and the removal of safety glasses is necessary to check the quality of a print.
- Safety Glasses are to be worn at all times when an employee is using any chemical. Safety glasses dispensers are located at the entrances to the sheet press department.
- Customers/visitors shall be issued safety glasses before entering the production area.
- Any time the cutting of banding strips is preformed safety glasses shall be worn.

We require safety glasses with side shields at all times.

Part of our OSHA required training includes Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Hazard Communication Training. As part of Haz Comm training an annual hazard analysis is completed for a machines in the press room and the facility. The Hazard Analysis identifies the need for Safety Glasses when performing specific functions. The PPE policy then outlines the need to comply as required. Managers training their employees for specific PPE needed for various functions on the job.

If you would like more details, please contact me.

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Appendix B

Hazard Assessment Certification Form

Date: 2012	Location: Press Department
Assessment performed by: General Assessment	
Specific job duties performed at this location: Operation of Press Equipment	

Hazard Assessment and Selection of Personal Protective Equipment

I. Overhead Hazards -

Hazards to consider include:

- Suspended loads that could fall
- Overhead beams or loads that could be hit against
- Energized wires or equipment that could be hit against
- Employees work at elevated site who could drop objects on others below
- Sharp objects or corners at head level

Hazards Identified N/A

Head Protection Selection:

Hard Hat: Yes	No
If yes, type: Type A (impact and penetration resistance, plus low-voltage electrical insulation) Type B (impact and penetration resistance, plus high-voltage electrical insulation) Type C (impact and penetration resistance)	

II. Eye and Face Hazards –

Hazards to consider include:

- Chemical splashes
- Dust
- Smoke and fumes
- Welding operations
- Lasers/optical radiation
- Bioaerosols
- Projectiles

Hazards Identified:

Chemical Splashes – Please refer to appropriate MSDS sheet for appropriate protective eye wear when handling chemicals.

Eye Protection selection:

Safety glasses or goggles	Yes	No
Face shield	Yes	No

III. Hand Hazards -

Hazards to consider include:

- Chemicals
- Sharp edges, splinters, etc.
- Temperature extremes
- Biological agents
- Exposed electrical wires
- Sharp tools, machine parts, etc.
- Material handling

Hazards Identified:

Chemicals - Please refer to appropriate MSDS sheets for appropriate protective hand wear when handling chemicals.

Hand Protection selected:

Gloves	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chemical resistant- Temperature resistant- Abrasion resistant- Other (Explain)- Cut Resistant		

IV. Foot Hazards –

Hazards to consider include:

- Heavy materials handled by employees
- Sharp edges or points (puncture risk)
- Exposed electrical wires
- Unusually slippery conditions
- Wet conditions
- Construction/demolition
- Chemical

Hazards Identified:

N/A

Foot Protection selected:

Safety shoes Yes **No**

Types:

- Toe protection
- Metatarsal protection
- Puncture resistant
- Electrical insulation
- Chemical resistant
- Other (Explain)

V. Other Identified Safety and/or Health Hazards:

Hazard	Recommended Protection

I certify that the above inspection was performed to the best of my knowledge and ability, based on the hazards present on _____.

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(Signature)