



CLOTHING FOR CONSTRUCTION

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There's one industry where today's fashions just don't make it. That's construction. Fancy duds are likely to get caught or snagged and cause you to fall or get hurt in some other way. Your clothing should not only be appropriate, but rugged enough to stand up to the use it'll get.

Keep your shirt on

Always wear a heavy-duty shirt, preferably long sleeved with the cuffs buttoned at the wrist. Don't wear it loose or baggy. Keep it tucked in to avoid snagging.

Your shirt will protect you from sunburn, so keep it on even when the weather is hot. It also will protect you from scrapes and from skin-irritating materials, such as concrete water and poison ivy. Don't wear anything around your neck that can dangle and get caught in machinery.

No baggy pants

Wear straight-line pants of proper length without pocket flaps or cuffs. They should not be baggy or so long that your heels get caught in them.

You probably can't keep your pants up without a belt. If your belt is too long cut off the extra length or run it through additional belt loops. In this way it won't get caught and pull you into machinery.

Leave jewelry home

One of the most common causes of amputated fingers is jewelry, such as rings, wristwatches and bracelets. It may look nice, but if it gets caught in machinery, you're in for a painful experience.

Put your best foot forward

Different jobs call for different kinds of footwear. Generally, properly fitted, high top safety boots should be worn. They give you more support than other boots do and more protection in case you drop something on your foot. Steel-tip footwear should be always be required. Wear rubber boots when working in wet material, especially if it's deep. Spreading concrete is a good example.

Winter weather

During cold weather, two light, woolen shirts are better than one heavy one for warmth. Gloves and hard hat liners are also advisable in cold weather.

Dress right

When you dress for construction jobs, remember that you're not out to model the latest fashions. Your work clothes may not make you the sharpest dude on the block, but you'll look a lot better than you would if loose clothing or jewelry caused you to get caught in a machine.

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Project Name	Meeting Location	Person Conducting Meeting

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Problem Areas or Concerns:

Attendees:

Comments:

