



HARD HAT MAINTENANCE

(Safety Helmet)

The “**hard hat**” is one of the oldest, most widely used, and most important pieces of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on the job. It is a fact that wearing hard hat saves workers from serious injuries or even death. So that the effectiveness of any PPE on the job is limited when the product is not properly worn, maintained and replaced when needed. Here are some essential steps that should help in the maintenance of hard hat.



Cleaning hard hat and suspensions:

The hard hats with or without logos can be cleaned with simple soap and water, or by using a damp towel. The plastic suspensions can be cleaned similarly; however, most modern suspensions come with a sweatband in the front or back of the hat. These sweatbands can be gently washed by hand, but they probably won't last as long as the hard hat.

- **Replace hard hat when:**
 - Cracks appear in the shell.
 - Shiny surface appears dull or chalky.
 - Shell becomes brittle.
- **Replace Suspension when:**
 - The suspensions become brittle
 - One or more of the mounts break off
 - The suspension will no longer hold securely to the head
 - The cradling straps break or become worn

Conclusion:

Inspect your hard hats before and after each use. Although there is no set service life for hard hats, manufacturers recommend replacement after no more than 5 years. The cost of maintaining and replacing your hard hat is well worth the benefits.

Protect your thoughts and wear a hard hat