

**Safety Gear** (from Marshall ABE Level 4.5)

Staying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and healthy at work is very important.  Your employer does not want you to get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the job.  It is important to always use the right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the job.  Many people need special gear at work.

Maria and Carlos \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ industrial fabrics.  They wash the fabrics with liquid chemicals. Sometimes these chemicals \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  Maria and Carlos must wear rubber \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so that they don't slip on wet floors.  They must also wear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gloves to protect their hands from the chemicals.  Rubber boots and gloves are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for workers’ safety.

     Mary is a cook at a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  She is required to wear a hairnet at work.  She

does not like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her hairnet, but she understands why it’s important. Hairnets keep hair out of the food.  Hairnets also keep long hair from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ caught in the blenders and mixers cooks use.  Mary wears an apron to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her clothing.

Always use the right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gear on the job.  The gear will protect you from getting hurt.  If your gear is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, tell your supervisor right away so he/she can help you get new gear.

1. Why do some employees need to wear safety gear at work?

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2. What does Mary wear to protect her clothing?

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3. Why does Maria wear gloves when she is at work?

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4. According to this passage, who can help a worker replace broken safety equipment?

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5. Does Maria enjoy wearing a hairnet at work?

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