

FSIS Employee Training

Eye and Face Protection – Face Shields

INSTRUCTIONS

This document provides training on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for eye and face protection as required by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulation 29 CFR 1910.132, PPE General Requirements and 29 CFR 1910.133, Eye and Face Protection. After reading, and prior to performing work that requires this type of PPE, your supervisor may ask you to demonstrate your understanding of the information in this handout, such as your ability to properly use the PPE. You must also follow any specific manufacturer instructions on the use and care of the PPE.

PPE SELECTION

- Face shields are provided by FSIS to minimize exposure to the eyes, nose, and mouth from splashes and aerosols when working with feral swine or other positive or reactor animals that are known or suspected of being infected with Brucellosis.
- FSIS offers a face shield that has brackets and adapters to connect the face shield to your hard hat.
- To be effective, the face shield should fit comfortably and cover the entire length and width of the face.

WHERE/WHEN

Face shields are used in some FSIS establishments for protection during inspection of Brucellosis infected swine. IPP working in these establishments are to wear face shields to reduce contact with potentially infectious blood and other body fluids and materials.



Face shield installed on hard hat

PROPER USE

- Face shields must be properly mounted to a hard hat before use. To install the face shield, follow the steps below:



Step 1: Insert each of the two brackets into the slots on both side of the hard hat and secure firmly in place.



Step 2: Attach the face shield to the visor attachment.



Step 3: Attach each side of the visor attachment to the two brackets on the hard hat. To adjust the face shield placement, gently pull each side of the visor attachment to the desired length.

PROPER USE (CONTINUED)

- To ensure adequate protection, the face shield should cover the entire length and width of the face extending from the brow to below the chin.
- Before each use, inspect the face shield bracket and visor to make sure they are secure.

LIMITATIONS

- Under some conditions, it may be possible for liquids to enter around the sides and bottom of the visor.
- The face shield visor can become scratched or warped, interfering with vision.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- The face shield visor should be kept clean so vision is not obstructed.
- Clean the face shield with water and mild soap and dry using a soft cloth.
- When not in use, handle the face shield with care to avoid scratches and to maintain the integrity. The face shield should be stored in an area where it will not be subjected to damage, puncture or abrasion and will remain clean prior to use.
- Replace the face shield visor if it becomes damaged, has reduced visibility from scratching or if contaminants cannot be effectively removed by cleaning. After cleaning, dispose of the face shield visor in the regular trash.

FSIS PPE ORDERING INFORMATION

Face shields can be obtained as a special order through the Occupational Safety and Health Specialist.

QUESTIONS?

For more information on this topic, please contact your Occupational Safety and Health Specialist. Contact information can be found on the FSIS Safety site at www.tinyurl.com/FSIS-ESHG.