

Questions Safety Managers Should Ask PPE Footwear Providers

As you consider establishing a safety footwear program, here are a few key questions to start the conversation in choosing the right safety provider:



Is there a specific line of work activity the footwear is recommended for?

Is the footwear chemical and oil resistant?

Has the slip resistance of the outsoles been tested?

If so, what testing protocol was used for testing and where?

How did the outsoles rate compared to other styles?

Is the outsole clog resistant?

Can you provide a written report of the results?

What if a worker wearing the footwear steps in oil or another slippery contaminant?

How does the footwear respond to impact hazards?

What if a worker steps in hazardous or contaminating materials?

Is the outsole durable against commercial grade scrubbing chemicals?

Do you have insulated footwear for cold environments?

What selections of waterproof styles are available for wet environments?

What styles do you have available for high-heat environments?

Which footwear styles offer electrical hazard protection?

Ask your footwear provider to inform you about ASTM requirements to ensure your facility is in compliance and to reduce workplace risks.

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