

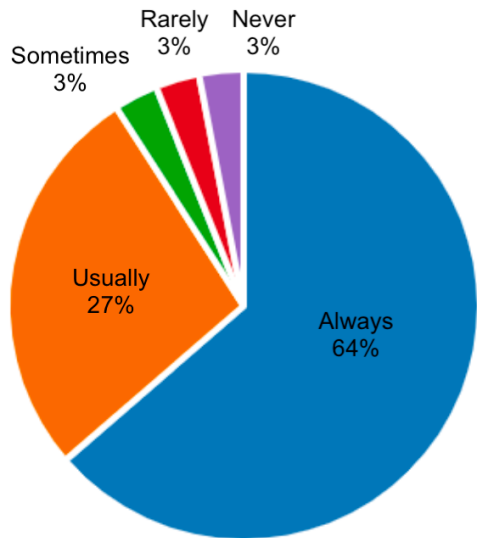
Common Issues of Compliance with Personal Protective Equipment for Construction Workers



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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is an essential component to the safety of workers on construction jobsites. It is required that construction employees wear PPE to keep them safe during work. Despite this requirement, many workers neglect to wear PPE, exposing themselves to high risk of injury and death. A survey was conducted on thirty-three (33) construction workers in California to gain a better understanding of issues with PPE and reasons for non-compliance. The survey found that only 64% of construction workers always wear their PPE. Analysis of this survey provided the highest ranked reasons for non-compliance from a worker's perspective including it causes stress in hot, sunny, confined, or poorly ventilated areas, it is not necessary at all times, and it is uncomfortable. Other reasons such as anxiety and fit of PPE were also brought to light.

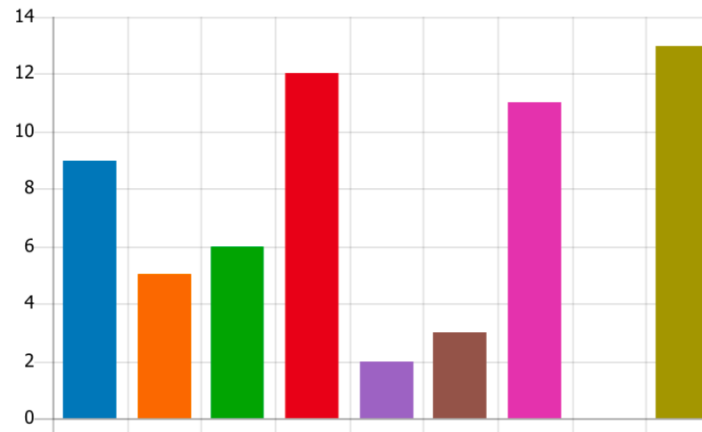
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How often do you wear your PPE while completing your work?



What are some reasons for not wearing your PPE? (Select all that apply)



If you selected other please provide a reason:

"The only thing not worn 100% of the time is eye protection. I often have issues with fogging/not being able to see"

"I have anxiety and often bring my glasses down and take hard hat off to relax"

"Certain fine work tasks are hindered by the use of gloves."

"The only reason it would be acceptable to remove PPE, such as a vest, would be if it would create more of a hazard to keep it on."