

7 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

CASE STUDY

Tomson Manufacturing is working on a program to introduce new PPE. It just recently purchased a machine that presents some ocular hazards. Unfortunately, the machine is also louder than management expected and many employees working with it have complained about their hearing after they finish a shift. It has been a long time since Tomson introduced new protective devices and it is concerned about how to implement the program. In a completely different part of Tomson's facility, employees are sometimes required to use respirators depending on the type of work being done on a certain day. While it is planning the new PPE program, Tomson would also like to reexamine the protection factors associated with the respirator equipment it is currently using.

1. Now that Tomson has decided employees working on the new machine need PPE, what steps should it take to implement the program?
2. What should its written PPE policy include?
3. What factors should be considered when it comes to training?
4. What are some problems associated with introducing PPEs?
5. What are assigned protection factors for respirators?