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# Safety Tip of the Week

## Personal Protective Equipment – Foot Protection

Foot protection means guarding your toes, ankles, and feet from injury. Believe it or not, your feet have 26 bones for support and 38 joints for movement in each foot. Your feet are a critical part of your body that you use every day and, in some cases, enable you to do your job effectively.



### Assessing the Environment:

First, assess the work environment to determine any possible foot hazards and how you can protect against them. This assessment is important in a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) program because it helps you choose the right footwear for each job and hazard.

### American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard:

When it comes to choosing work boots, it's imperative that you find a boot that meets the applicable federal and state safety standards.

Selecting a pair of work boots that follows these safety standards can make a significant difference in injury prevention while also offering peace of mind – not to mention meeting compliance requirements for your job.

The protective footwear you choose must comply with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard F2413-05, formerly the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) Z41-1999. This standard covers minimum requirements for the design, performance, testing, and classification of protective footwear.

### Summary:

Investing in work boots that meet federal and state safety standards is not always cheap but investing in the proper safety footwear can save you from serious injuries. No matter what job you're tackling, it's important to always have confidence in the work boots you're wearing.

**KEEP A GOOD FOOTING ON LIFE...WEAR SAFETY SHOES!!**