

# Appropriate Dress Code for a Manufacturing Environment

When working in a manufacturing environment, how one dresses for work can affect safety, health and how people work effectively with each other.

Overall, safety is paramount! Setting aside prescribed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as eye, hand, face, foot and/or hearing protection (that will be provided at your work site as required), how you dress can affect your personal safety.

Further, how you dress can affect the concentration and work productivity of those around you. Although it is a manufacturing environment, it is a professional environment. Good grooming and hygiene is required. Inappropriate or revealing clothing that either intimidates, distracts, or sends a leading message will not be acceptable.

The following dress code rules are very typical requirements for most manufacturing or industrial work environments. And as you think about each one, they should make perfect sense:



## What NOT to wear

- Open Toed or Open Heel shoes
- Bare feet, Sandals, Flip-Flops, Moccasins
- Strapless Dresses or Tube Tops
- Excessively Worn, Torn or Patched Clothing
- Loose or Baggy clothing
- Dresses or Skirts
- Loose hair
- Low cut tank-tops, Muscle Shirts, or Halter-tops
- Sheer or Form Fitting Attire
- Exposed Midriff / low cut blouses
- Other indiscrete clothing
- Shorts or Capri pants
- Jewelry, Sun or Tinted Glasses
- Sweat Pants, Yoga Pants, Warm-up Gear
- Glitter, sequins or other personal accessories that could contaminate the product

## OKAY to wear

- Long pants or jeans
- Discrete blouses / tops
- Collared Shirt
- Collarless Shirt, such as a T-shirt  
(esp. for clean room applications)
- Work boots
- Steel-Toed shoes (preferred)
- Tennis Shoes
- Other rubber soled, closed toe/heel shoes

