



Task Title: Choosing Safety Footwear

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Learner Name: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Successful Completion: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal Path:

Employment	☒	Apprenticeship	☒
Secondary School	☐	Post Secondary	☐
		Independence	☐

Task Description: The learner will read a short article about safety footwear requirements, and conduct a search for footwear that meets specific requirements.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Read continuous text/A1.2
- Communicate Ideas and Information/Complete and create documents/B3.2a
- Understand and Use Numbers/Manage money/C1.2
- Use Digital Technology/D.2

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper and/or digital device
- Computer
- Calculator or digital device with calculator function

Learner Information

Construction helpers, labourers, and tradespeople are usually required to wear specialized safety footwear as part of their personal protective equipment (PPE) on the job.

Read the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) article on PPE footwear:

<https://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/prevention/ppe/footwear.html>

Work Sheet

Task 1: List five (5) workplace hazards or risks that must be considered when choosing protective footwear.

Answer:

Task 2: What is the recommended action if the footwear sole has been penetrated?

Answer:

Task 3: Describe two (2) safety symbols that indicate footwear should not be used where contact with live electrical conductors can occur.

Answer:

Task 4: A construction helper has been told to purchase safety footwear with the green triangle circle R marking. They have \$300 to spend (including tax). Go to Work Authority website: <https://www.workauthority.ca>. Find three (3) footwear options that meet these criteria. Complete the chart.

Answer:

Name of product	Cost (including 13% tax)	Men's size 10 in stock (yes/no)	Free shipping available (yes/no)

Answers

Task 1: List five (5) workplace hazards or risks that must be considered when choosing protective footwear.

Answer: Any five of:

- Materials handled or used by the worker.
- Risk of objects falling onto or striking the feet.
- Any material or equipment that might roll over the feet.
- Any sharp or pointed objects that might cut the top of the feet.
- Objects that may penetrate the bottom or side of the foot.
- Possible exposure to corrosive or irritating substances.
- Possible explosive atmospheres, including the risk of static electrical discharges.
- Risk of damage to sensitive electronic components or equipment due to the discharge of static electricity.
- Risk of coming into contact with energized conductors of low to moderate voltage (e.g., 220 volts or less).
- Type of walking surface and environmental conditions workers may be exposed to (e.g., loose ground cover, smooth surfaces, temperature, wet/oily, chemicals, etc.).

The learner may also choose any of the following:

- Ankle injury from uneven walking surfaces or rough terrain.
- Foot injury due to exposure to extreme hot or cold.
- Slips and falls on slippery walking surfaces.
- Exposure to water or other liquids that may penetrate the footwear causes damage to the foot and the footwear.
- Exposure to rotating or abrasive machinery (e.g., chainsaws or grinders).

Task 2: What is the recommended action if the footwear sole has been penetrated?

Answer: Footwear exposed to sole penetration or impact should be replaced even if there is no visible sign of damage.

Task 3: Describe two (2) safety symbols that indicate footwear should not be used where contact with live electrical conductors can occur.

Answer: Any two of:

- Yellow rectangle with black SD letters indicates static-dissipative footwear. This footwear should not be used where contact with live electrical conductors can occur.
- Yellow triangle indicates sole puncture protection with a Grade 2 protective toecap (super-static dissipative footwear)
- Red rectangle with white C letter indicates electrically conductive footwear

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Answers will vary. As of July 2026, this website has many options available that meet these criteria.

Performance Descriptors

Levels	Performance Descriptors	Needs Work	Completes task with support from practitioner	Completes task independently
A1.2	scans text to locate information			
	locates multiple pieces of information in simple texts			
	follows the main events of descriptive, narrative and informational texts			
	obtains information from detailed reading			
B3.2a	uses layout to determine where to make entries			
	begins to make some inferences to decide what information is needed, where and how to enter the information			
	follows instructions on documents			
C1.2	calculates using numbers expressed as whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percentages and integers			
	calculates percentages			
	chooses and performs required operation(s); may make inferences to identify required operation(s)			
	selects appropriate steps to reach solutions			

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Levels	Performance Descriptors	Needs Work	Completes task with support from practitioner	Completes task independently
C1.2 cont.	represents costs and rates using monetary symbols, decimals and percentages			
	uses strategies to check accuracy (e.g. estimating, using a calculator, repeating a calculation, using the reverse operation)			
D.2	selects and follows appropriate steps to complete tasks			
	makes low-level inferences to interpret icons and text			
	begins to identify sources and evaluate information			
	performs simple searches using keywords (e.g. internet, software help menu)			

This task: Was successfully completed ☐ Needs to be tried again ☐

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Learner Comments:

Instructor (print):

Learner (print):