

Beware of proper wearing of “Safety Helmet and Safety Harness”

– Distribution of guideline (OPL) on use of safety helmet/safety harness –

- ☐ Recently, a number of incidents have occurred, threatening the safety of workers because the workers put on safety gears unsuitable to their duties or physical conditions or they use uncertified safety gears.
- ☐ Consequently, the Occupational Safety and Health Certification Institute (OSHCI; Director General: Young-Tae Kim) of the KOSHA produces and distributes the second edition of the OPL series, “Guideline on How to Safely Put on Protective Gear,” for the purpose of recommending the safe and proper use of protective gears and preventing the use of uncertified products.
- ☐ The latest production focuses on the theme of ‘Safety Helmet’ and ‘Safety Harness,’ following the previous one in last September, “Welding Mask.”
- ☐ Its contents include how to verify the safety certification mark, how to use and necessary cautions that all users must be aware of when purchasing and using the products, and they are summarized in a single page (OPL: One Page Lesson).
- ☐ Upon purchase of protective gears, it also instructs users to select the capacity and rating suitable to the intended use and to verify the KCs safety certification* guaranteeing safety and protection performances.

- * Safety certification system (KCs) for protective gear: A system comprehensively examining the safety performance of protective gears worn by workers at the worksites and whether the technical capability and production system of manufacturers are conforming with the standards on safety certification.
- Any information concerning KCs safety certification and capacity/rating can be verified through the 'safety certification mark' of the given products, or checked at the NURIJIP of the OSHCI (miis.kosha.or.kr).
- All protective gears need to be **checked for any defects, such as damages or destructions**, prior to their use, and **all long-used products or any products once heavily shocked should not be used** since their protection performance may have been compromised despite no visible defects identified by naked eyes.
- In addition, it is important to use protective gears that **perfectly fit the user's body**, and users are required to **adjust the fastener of the safety helmet and buckle of the safety harness** before putting them on in order to avoid any unnecessary looseness or tightness.
- This guideline (OPL) can be downloaded from the NURIJIP of the KOSHA*, starting on the 22nd, and will be distributed to over 4,700 sites with 100 people or more, including construction and manufacturing sites, safety certified product manufacturers and specialized vocational high schools.

* Access to NURIJIB of KOSHA (www.kosha.or.kr) ⇒ Archive ⇒ Safety/Health Data ⇒ Search 'Guideline on How to Put on Protective

Gear'

- ☐ Young-Tae Kim, the Director General of the OSHCI under the KOSHA, said, "The prevention of occupational accidents starts with the issuance and proper wearing of safe protective gears." Kim also noted, "The OSHCI is dedicated to ensuring all products fundamentally to secure performance, quality and safety and only such products to be manufactured, distributed and used."