Hard Hat Maintenance

Cleaning your hard hat and suspension --

Hard hats (head protection) with or without logos can be cleaned with simple soap and water or by using a damp towel.

The plastic suspensions can also be cleaned similarly however most modern suspensions come with a sweatband in the front or back of the hat. These sweatbands can be gently washed by hand but they probably won't last as long as the hard hat.

Several universal brow pads are available. Check with your Immediate Supervisor should you require a replacement sweatband, suspension or shell.

- Replace your hard hat when:
  - Cracks appear in the shell.
  - Shiny surface appears dull or chalky.
  - Shell becomes brittle.

- Replace your Suspension when:
  - The suspensions become brittle
  - One or more of the mounts break off
  - The suspension will no longer hold securely to the head
  - The cradling straps break or become worn

Inspect your hard hats before and after each use. Although there is no set service life for hard hats, manufacturers recommend replacement after no more than 5 years.

Also refer to: [Personal Protective Equipment Procedure # COH-RQ-WI-010](#)