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A hard hat is meant to protect your head from the impact of falling material and accidental bumping.

The hat's suspension components act as a shock absorber and are designed to absorb or deflect a blow and distribute the impact over a large area. Even if the hat dents or shatters, it can still take some force out of the blow and off your head. It can also shield your scalp, face, neck, and shoulders against hazardous spills or splashes. Only wear approved hard hats manufactured to meet required industry standards. For maximum protection, choose the hard hat most suitable for the work being performed. Make sure your hat fits correctly. A hat that fits correctly will be the most comfortable and provide the best protection.

For maximum protection and comfort, the sweat bands and suspension straps must be properly adjusted because the ability of a hard hat to protect the head depends on the shock absorbing space between the shell and head by the suspension provided. Sunlight and heat can rot the sweatband and straps, so don't leave your hard hat on the window ledge of your car. Take good care of your hard hat. Don't drop it, throw it, or drill holes in it. Inspect your hard hat every day for cracks, gouges, and frays or breaks in the straps. Observe and comply with "Hard Hat Area" sites. Remember – a hard hat is a status symbol; it identifies a safe worker, one who believes in and practices safety.

**** Hard Hats must be always worn by SCS employees on site unless inside a building that is fully drywalled. ****

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