



**FSH 6709.11 – HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE HANDBOOK**

**CHAPTER 20 – WORK PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

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**Digest:** In order by code, summarize the main additions, revisions, or removal of direction incorporated in this supplement.

21.13b – 4. Reissue of supplement with no changes. Occupational Head Protection.

Employees shall wear appropriate head protection when working where there is potential for head injuries. Ensure that hardhat/helmet protection is Forest Service-approved and that the hardhats are made from material having the melting point of 350 F (177 C) or higher. For general or specific requirements, refer to 29 CFR 1910.132, 1910.135, and NFPA 1977(sec. 21.06).

This supplement is to further clarify the above paragraph contained in the 6709.11 Health and Safety Code Handbook concerning the use of hard hats.

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A hard hat will be worn at all times with the following exceptions when hard hats will be optional:

1. When you are in a developed recreation area that has been cleared of obvious hazard trees.
2. When you are on a forest system road open to passenger cars (maintenance level 3 and higher) – includes the road surface, shoulders, cut, and fill slopes.
3. When you are on a forest system trail that has been cleared of obvious hazard trees.
4. When you are in an area obviously clear of overhead hazards, such as a field, parking area, etc.

These exceptions do not apply when the work project or activity listed in the FSH 6709.11 Health and Safety Code Handbook or JHA require a hard hat to be worn.