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## OSHA's Field Staff Changing Hats

Today, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a press release announcing that it will be outfitting its field staff with Safety Helmets (as contrasted with the more traditional "Hard Hats" we've become used to seeing on the waterfront).

We provide a link to that press release here:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOL/bulletins/37f60cc>

In sum, after careful analysis OSHA believes that Safety Helmets provide a greater degree of protection against objects that may fall from above and against other hazards which present similar, corresponding dangers.

What's the difference in appearance?



A Safety Helmet



A Hard Hat

There are differences in design, construction and application, too:

[Grainger Analysis: Helmet v. Hard Hat](#)

**Is there a mandatory OSHA regulation requiring all employers/employees to make the switchover? **Not yet.....****

Got a question about this particular subject? Write to the JSC at: [blueoceana@optonline.net](mailto:blueoceana@optonline.net)

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