

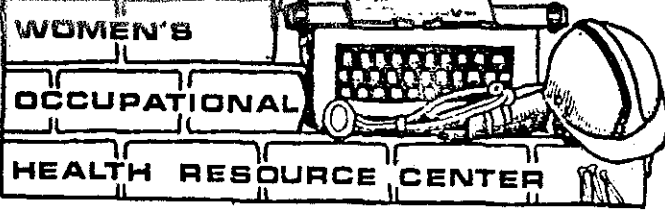
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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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Product **Company** (corresponding names & addresses attached)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
APRONS			XS		X						X		X		X	X			
BELTS & SAFETY CLOTHING					XW S		XS	X	X		XS	X	XS	X	X				X
DOSIMETERS/X-RAY MONITORS						X													
EAR PROTECTION		X		X				X			X		X	X	X		X		X
FACE SHIELDS					X			X			X		X	X	X		X	X	
FIRE FIGHTING SUITS	X									X							X		
GAS MASKS											X		X						X
GLOVES			XS		XS		XW			X	XW	XS	X	X	X	X			X
GOGGLES		X					X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X
HELMETS/HOODS		X			X			X				X		X	X				X
LAB CLOTHING												XW S							
OXYGEN SYSTEMS					X														
RESPIRATORS	X	X			XS		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	XS		X		
SAFETY BELTS/HARNESSES					X														
SAFETY BOOKS												X							
SAFETY GLASSES		X					XW	X			X	X	X	X			X		X
SAFETY TOOLS					X		X				X			X					
SHOES/FOOTWEAR							XW			X			X		XS			XW	
SLEEVES																X			

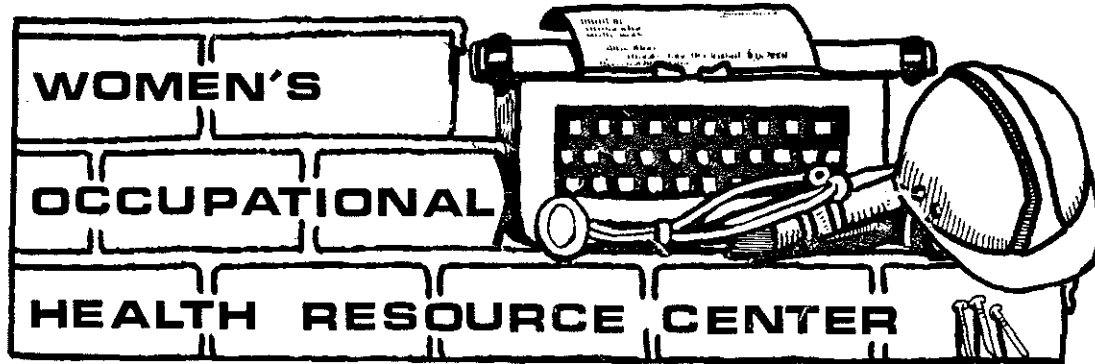
X= company carries
 S= small men's sizes
 W= women's sizes



NOTE: This list of companies supplying safety equipment does not constitute an endorsement by the Women's Occupational Health Resource Center. We have not yet evaluated the equipment. The companies carry small sizes but they are not designed specifically for women.

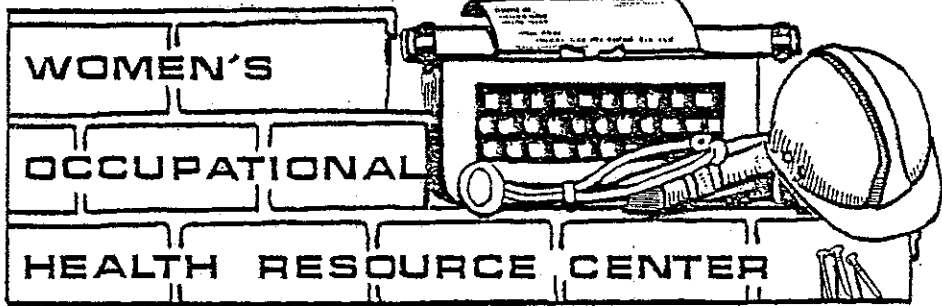
SAFETY EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS

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| 1. AAA Emergency Supplies
637 N. Broadway
White Plains, NY 10603 | 8. Eastern Safety Equipment Co., Inc.
45-17 Pearson St.
Long Island City, NY 11101
(212) 392-4100 |
| 2. American Optical Corporation
Safety Products Division
Southbridge, MA 01550 | 9. East Wind Industries Inc.
200 Elm St.
Trenton, NJ 08611
(609)393-2060 |
| 3. American Working Women's Supply Co.*
P.O.Box 100
Deer Park, NY 11729
(gloves & aprons) | 10. Globe Coats
Pittsfield, NH 03263
(603)435-8323 |
| 4. Bilsom International, Inc.
11800 Sunrise Valley Dr.
Reston, VA 22091
(earplugs) | 11. Interex Corporation
3 Strathmore Rd.
Natick, MA 01760
(617) 237-6650
800-225-5910 |
| 5. Direct Safety Company
6005 Martway
P.O.Box 2994
Shawnee Mission, KS 66201
800-255-4416
800-255-4550
(913) 432-8770 (Kansas - collect) | 12. Lab Safety Supply Co.
P.O.Box 1363
Plant Location 10 S. Locust
Janesville, WI 53545
800-356-0783
(608)754-2345 (from Alaska,
Hawaii, and Wisconsin) |
| 6. Dosimeter Corp. of America
P.O.Box 42377
Cincinnati, OH 45242
(513) 793-6051 | 13. Mine Safety Appliances Corp.
1100 Globe Ave.
Mountainside, NJ 07092
(212)267-6997 |
| 7. Eastco Industrial Safety Corp.
26-15 123 St.
Flushing, NY 11354
(212) 762-2600 | |



14. Pulsoman Safety Equipment Corp.
30-48 Linden Place
Flushing, NY 11354
(212)939-3200
15. Scott Aviation
(A Division of A-T-O, Inc.)
225 Erie Street
Lancaster, NY 14086
16. Surety Rubber Company
Box 97
611 N. High St.
Carrollton, OH 44615
(216)627-2166
17. United States Safety Service Co.
1535 Walnut St.
P.O.Box 1237
Kansas City, MO 64141
(816)842-8500
18. Weather-Rite, Inc.
125 Enterprise Ave.
Secaucus, NJ 07094
(201)348-0400
19. Willson Products Co.
24 Harbor Park Drive
Port Washington, NY 11050
(516)621-8800
Willson Products (Mfr.)
(215)376-6161

*The WOHRRC is presently conducting a survey of 360 companies to update our information on which companies manufacture and distribute personal protective equipment and tools specifically for women workers. This updated information will be available by late spring or early summer of 1981.



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FACTSHEET: Clerical Workers
 Number of women employed: 10 million
 % of all workers who are women: 80%
 Almost one third of all employed women are clerical workers.

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POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF OFFICE AND CLERICAL WORK

The exact nature and extent of office hazards are not known. They will, of course, vary from office to office. While office work is far less hazardous than many other kinds of work, there still is no reason for any health risk to be present. The control of adverse office conditions can usually be readily accomplished.

HAZARD	SOURCES AND EXPLANATIONS
Excessive sitting	Improperly designed chairs can lead to backache; can aggravate hemorrhoids, varicose veins, and other conditions relating to the circulation of blood.
Fatigue, muscular and mental	Boredom as well as intense concentration can be fatiguing. Eyestrain from insufficient illumination or glare as well as muscle strain can also contribute.
Noise	Noise can be annoying and/or harmful. High levels, like those of keypunches and computers, can adversely affect hearing, while low levels may be stressful and interfere with communication.
Muscle strain	"Writer's cramp" from overexertion of small hand muscles may arise. Typists and keypunch operators may strain tendons of wrist (tenosynovitis).

AIR CONTAMINANTS

Ozone	Many copying machines and some switchboards may generate this toxic gas, which is a form of oxygen. Characterized by a sweetish smell, it can lead to irritation of eyes, nose, and throat. Exposure should be minimized, and exhaust vents installed near machines.
Spores, dusts, and asbestos	Rarely, insulation in air shafts may become exposed, leading to the spread of cancer-causing asbestos. This should be immediately eliminated. Improperly cleaned and maintained air conditioners can harbor and spread spores, which can produce allergic responses in susceptible individuals.
Benzene and toluene	These contaminants are found in rubber cement and some "cleaners." Contents should be checked. Benzene is associated with various blood diseases, and toluene can cause a drunken state, which increases the risk of accidents.
Methanol and ammonia	Used in many duplicating-machine solvents, these substances can be very irritating to the eyes, nose, and throat.
Organic solvents (such as trichloroethylene)	May be found in various stencil machines, "erasing" compounds, and other office products. Contents should be checked and can be identified for toxicity by reference to books listed in the Bibliography.