



PPE Dress Up: What Were They Thinking?!

A Game to Supplement Training

Food Safety Concept

How does the wearing of proper work attire and PPE impact both employee and food safety?

Objectives

After playing a round of PPE Dress Up, employees will:

1. Demonstrate proper work attire, including all necessary PPE
2. Explain the connection between proper attire and PPE, employee safety, and food safety
3. Assess their daily attire and PPE for compliance

Time

- Prep: ~5 minutes
- Play: ~20 minutes

Materials

- Full set of PPE worn in your facility
- Incorrect attire examples: nose ring, torn glove, untied shoes, snacks, foreign materials

Motivated, Educated, and Engaged

To promote a strong, positive food safety culture throughout your organization, all employees—from frontline to senior leaders—must be motivated, educated, and engaged. This game can help address the **engaged** portion by enhancing or supplementing existing formal training. How can it be adapted to your workplace?

Game Summary

- This game can be a quick refresher on proper attire for employees working directly with food. Attire includes but is not limited to Personal Protective Protective Equipment (PPE). This game can also touch on items not to be worn or carried in the workspace.
- Dress a team leader or mannequin in work attire with several deliberate mistakes. Possible mistakes could include missing PPE, snacks in pockets, inappropriate jewelry or accessories, and damaged or soiled PPE. What are mistakes you often observe? Consider including them.
- Ask employees to take turns identifying a mistake in the attire and correcting them one by one.
- ADDED GAME COMPONENT: If using a mannequin, consider having your team do this as a "race against the clock" game, correcting all mistakes within a time limit. If any mistakes are not corrected, they must find them and fix them within an additional, tighter time limit.
- Once employees have corrected all the deliberate mistakes, discuss as a group why each mistake was a potential risk to employee safety, food safety, or both.
- Brainstorm ways employees can help themselves and each other check attire before entering the workspace.
- GAME NOTE: Depending on your approach, the deliberate mistakes can range from simple, realistic ones to very over-the-top silly ones. As long as the discussion comes back to why correct attire matters, play this game in the way which will best engage your team.