

# Empowering Women in Construction:

## PPE Companies Leading the Way

As more women enter the construction and related industries, the need for proper fitting personal protective equipment (PPE) has become increasingly critical. Historically, PPE has been designed for male body types, leaving many female workers with PPE that is uncomfortable, unsafe, or simply ineffective. Fortunately, there is a growing number of companies that are stepping up to address this gap, offering inclusive and functional safety PPE tailored specifically for women. Here are five standout PPE suppliers that are making a difference in the construction sector.

### Why Inclusive PPE Matters?

Ill-fitting PPE isn't just uncomfortable – it's a serious safety hazard. Oversized gloves can get caught in machinery, loose or too-heavy boots can cause trips and falls, and improperly fitted harnesses may fail during a fall. By investing in gear designed for women, these companies are helping to reduce workplace injuries and promote equity in the construction industry.



In this classic World War II poster, the infamous and iconic 'Rosie the Riveter' was (and continues to be) a symbol of women in the workforce, taking on and excelling at traditionally 'masculine' roles... while wearing men's workwear. Times have changed, and so have the options available.

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Organizations like the ACEC-MB continues to advocate for better gear and safer workplaces. As a special offer, ACEC Members receive 10% off at Brasco Safety using the code **ACEC10** at checkout. Brasco is a proud supporter of hardworking professionals and continues to support those with high-quality safety gear and PPE.

### 1. Covergalls Workwear

Founded by women in the mining industry, Covergalls designs workwear that meets the unique needs of female construction workers.

Covergalls Workwear emerged not just as a solution, but as a beacon of empowerment, inclusivity and progress. The founder didn't just create a brand, she ignited a movement through conquering health and safety concerns, diversity and inclusion initiatives and education and advocacy resources.

### 2. Pathway Supply

Pathway Supply is an Indigenous owned company located in Saskatchewan and has launched a women-focused PPE campaign.

Unlike many brands that simply resize men's gear, Pathway Supply's women-focused PPE gear is not only protective but also available in a variety of styles, allowing women to express themselves while staying safe.

### 3. Mann Supply

Finding high-quality, affordable PPE designed for women can be challenging. Mann Supply offers a wide selection of women's PPE at competitive prices without compromising quality.

Mann Supply is a trusted online distributor of essential safety and industrial products. Mann Supply's reputation for quality and innovation makes them a reliable choice for women seeking durable and high-quality PPE.



### 4. Levitt Safety

Levitt Safety offers a comprehensive range of women-specific PPE, by partnering with leading manufacturers that are designed to fit female body types properly, ensuring comfort, safety, and compliance across various industrial and construction environments.

The company is committed to closing the gender gap in the workplace safety by championing properly fitting PPE for women. Their mission is to ensure that female workers are not forced to "shirk and pink" men's gear, but to instead have access to PPE designed specifically for their body types.



### 5. Winnipeg Outfitters Inc.

Not keen on ordering online for your PPE? Visit Winnipeg Outfitters, a local Winnipeg retailer that provides a variety of women's work clothing and boots.





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