



HARD HATS

Why would someone need to wear a hard hat? To protect their head of course! Miners needed a hard hat when they worked in the mine to protect their heads from falling rock. The first hard hats were not very hard at all. They were made from soft canvas with a hard-leather brim. These hats looked more like baseball hats. Do you think they worked very well?

A man named Mr. Bullard decided to make a better hard hat. He steamed the materials in the hat. That is why it was called a "Hard-boiled" hat. It became very popular. It was used by shipyard workers and by miners.

Next came aluminum hard hats. After that fiberglass hard hats became popular. Today, molded polyethylene, yellow-colored hard hats are used around the world.