

Tariffs Jeopardize Worker Safety

Every day, 125 million American workers rely on PPE and safety equipment to stay safe. The tariffs announced on and after April 2 are driving up PPE costs, disrupting supply chains, and forcing American workplaces to make dangerous compromises. The risk to our workforce, economy, and emergency readiness is growing by the day.



PPE Prices Are Rising

97% of ISEA members report higher costs for materials, components, and finished PPE since April 2.



Innovation is Slowing

60% are delaying product development plans in direct response to the tariffs. Another 17% are considering it.



Hiring is Down

40% have already delayed hiring plans, and another 33% are considering it.

Workplaces Are Using PPE Past Its Useful Lifespan



59% of ISEA members report safety professionals delaying PPE purchases, in many cases using PPE far beyond its useful lifespan.

Workplaces Are Downgrading PPE Quality



41% report safety professionals switching to cheaper, less protective PPE, putting workers at risk.

The Worst May Be Yet to Come



Over 90% expect the tariffs will have a negative impact on the safety of 125 million workers using PPE & safety equipment.

If worker injuries increase by **just a single percentage point**, over 40,000 workers will be injured on the job, costing the American economy \$1.8B.

But there's still time for the Administration to change course— and protect the workers who rely on us.

"Workplaces will cut corners to accommodate the extra costs. They'll use PPE too long, buy inferior and less protective PPE, and not use PPE when they should. We haven't yet seen the full consequences."

- ISEA Member Executive

Safety is Critical to a Strong Economy

\$15 Trillion

Annual economic activity generated by the 125 million U.S. workers using PPE on the job

\$176.5 Billion

Annual cost of worker injuries and deaths to the U.S. economy



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