Choosing and Using Work Shoes

Steel-Reinforced Safety Shoes...

- protect your feet from falling or rolling objects, cuts and punctures.
- have a steel-reinforced toe box.
- may have a steel, aluminum or plastic instep.
- may have special soles to guard against slips or electrical hazards.

Safety Boots...

- offer more protection against splashes or sparks. Special kinds include...
  - neoprene or nitrile boots for corrosives, caustics, cutting oils and petroleum products.
  - foundry or "gaiter" boots for welding operations. They can be removed quickly if sparks or hazardous substances get into them.
  - electrical hazard boots, which are insulated against electricity.

Using Protective Footwear...

- Be sure you have the right footwear for your job.
- Choose shoes that fit properly to avoid tripping and stumbling.
- Make sure your shoes meet Australian safety standards.
- Replace worn or damaged footwear as soon as possible.