

This technical bulletin concerns the matter of wearing or placing objects, such as baseball caps, inside a hard hat.

Bullard hard hats/caps meet or exceed the ANSI/ISEA Z89.1-2009 standard for industrial worker protective headwear. Currently, there are no requirements or test to examine the effect that a cap or any other object worn inside a hard hat may have on hard hat performance. Therefore, Bullard recommends that **hard hat users should never carry or wear anything inside a hard hat.**

Bullard makes this recommendation for the following reasons:

1. A clearance must be maintained between the hard hat shell and the wearer's head for the protection system to work properly. An additional cap or other object may limit this clearance.
2. Wearers may be unaware that the cap or object contains metal parts, such as a metal button at the top of a baseball cap, which may diminish the dielectric protection provided by the hard hat.
3. Under no circumstances should any item be placed above or below the crown straps. This will affect the performance of the hard hat.

It is generally acceptable to wear most tight-fitting fabric stocking caps (skull caps, weld caps, winger liners, etc.) under any of the Bullard Hard Hats that are certified to the ANSI/ISEA Z89.1-2009 standard providing that:

1. The garment does not contain any metal parts or pieces
2. The garment is located below the suspension ribbons (between the users' head and the hat's suspension)
3. The hard hat will remain on the head with the suspension adjusted snugly.

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