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Personal Protective  
Equipment

Tool Box Talk

Don't sit on  
the fence

The correct PPE could  
save your life. Wear it.



## What is PPE?

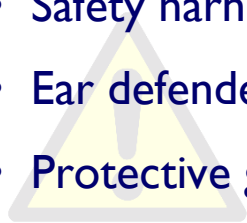
PPE is equipment or clothing worn to protect the user from known hazards in the work place.

In the construction industry the most common items of PPE worn are safety helmets, safety footwear and high visibility clothing.



### Other examples of PPE include:

- Safety harnesses
- Ear defenders
- Protective gloves clothing
- Respirators
- Goggles





**All Employers have duties concerning the provision and use of PPE at work.**

**The regulation that applies is:**

The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992.

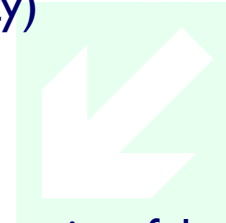
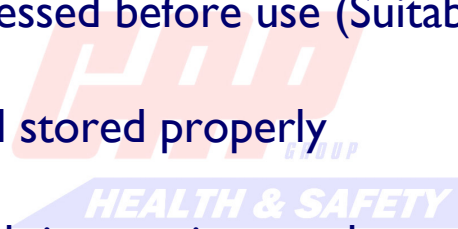
**The regulations require any employer to:**

- Supply PPE
- Ensure that it is used at work wherever the risks to Health & Safety cannot be adequately controlled in other ways.



### It is also required that PPE:

- Is properly assessed before use (Suitability)
- Maintained and stored properly
- Is provided with instructions on how to use it safely
- Used correctly by employees

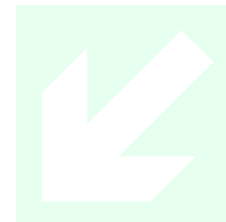
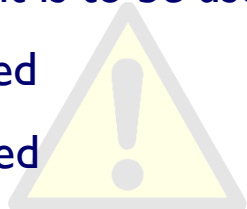




## Training

Make sure anyone using PPE is aware of why it is needed and remind employees:

- When it is to be used
- Repaired
- Replaced
- It's limitations



PPE is the last resort and should not be used to replace other methods of control, always ensure that employees wear the PPE supplied.

Always check that the PPE is being used and is suitable to the task.

Safety signs are in place to remind all employees of the need to wear PPE.



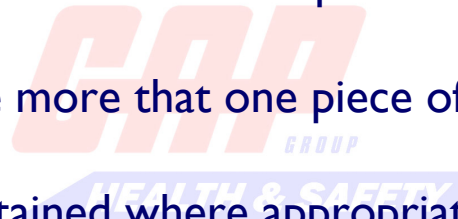
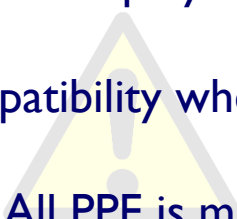
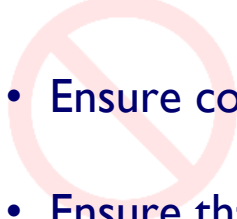
## What must the Employer do?

- Assess the Risks to employees' health and safety arising from the work activities
- Try to organise work activities so that PPE is not necessary
- State where PPE is necessary
- Ensure that the selected PPE suits the wearer and are made to the required standard
- Supply employees with necessary PPE at no cost



## What must the Employer do? (cont)

- Instruct / train employees on its use and explain any limitations where necessary
- Ensure compatibility where more than one piece of PPE is worn
- Ensure that All PPE is maintained where appropriate
- Replace defective or lost PPE as required at no cost to the user.
- Supply PPE which is marked with 'CE' and complies





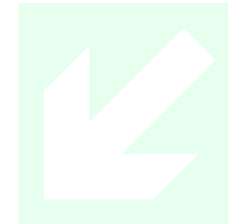
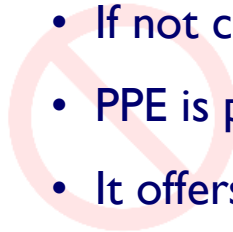
## What must the employee do?

- Use the PPE in accordance with instructions / training given
- Return PPE to its accommodation where provided after use
- Take reasonable care of your PPE
- Report any defects or loss to your employer
- Always wear the PPE supplied for the task



## Some KEY points to remember:

- Are there ways (other than PPE) in which the risks can be suitably controlled?
- If not check that:
  - PPE is provided
  - It offers adequate protection for its intended use
  - Those using it are adequately trained / instructed in its safe use
  - It is properly maintained and any defects are reported
  - It is returned to its proper storage after use.



PPE CAN SAVE LIVES, USE IT PROPERLY AND LOOK AFTER IT AS YOU WOULD WANT IT TO LOOK AFTER YOU!!!!