

S22 – Toolbox Talk Personal Protective Equipment

PPE is issued to employees when certain hazards cannot be eliminated or controlled to an acceptable level, ie noise, dust, fall from height, and the only remaining control measure is for persons exposed to these hazards to wear PPE.

The following PPE is compulsory on all company sites:

- Safety footwear
- High-visibility clothing
- Safety helmets.

Additional PPE should be used as follows:

Hazard/activity	Description
Dust	Dust masks should be worn for all cleaning operations that generate air-borne dust. The type of mask used should be appropriate for the task, and advice from a supervisor should be sought.
Noise	Hearing protection must be worn in all areas designated as hearing protection zones.
Handling chemicals	Appropriate gloves should be worn when handling any chemicals which are harmful if they come into contact with skin. The type of glove worn will depend on the task, and advice from a supervisor should be sought.
Chipping concrete/hammering/ grinding	Eye protection must be worn whilst carrying out this task. Other tasks that require the wearing of eye protection are welding/burning, grinding, handling harmful chemicals and any work that may generate flying particles.
Working at height	Where there is a danger of falling from height which cannot be protected by other means, a safety harness must be worn.

- When issued with PPE, ensure you know why it has been issued, the correct method for using it, and where to store it to keep it clean and free from damage when not in use
- Report any defects to your supervisor or manager immediately
- Do not use a safety harness unless you have been given sufficient training and you feel competent to undertake the task requiring the wearing of a harness
- The wearing of PPE does not eliminate the hazard; the PPE places a barrier between you and the hazard
- Always wear appropriate PPE when instructed to do so.



Training register

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Name of attendee

Signature

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