

Toolbox Talk



44. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

What?

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) e.g. safety helmet, gloves, safety footwear, etc.
- PPE can protect you from getting injured
- Contractors must ensure their staff have the appropriate PPE for the work to be done
- Workers must use the appropriate PPE at all times!



Why?

- When there is no other way to eliminate or control the risk
- There are certain tasks and activities, which require you to wear PPE
- Your company has an obligation to provide you with suitable protective equipment which has a mark to verify it meets appropriate standards (e.g. CE for Europe)
- You must wear the equipment provided to protect yourself against the risk

Do

- ✓ Visually inspect it prior to use
- ✓ Report any loss or damage
- ✓ Wear as standard every time:
 - ✓ Safety helmet
 - ✓ Safety footwear
 - ✓ Hi-Visibility vest / tabard
- ✓ Additional / Required PPE may include :
 - ✓ Long sleeve cotton shirt
 - ✓ Hi-Visibility Coat
 - ✓ Gloves
 - ✓ Safety glasses / goggles
 - ✓ Dust masks / Breathing apparatus
 - ✓ Ear plugs
 - ✓ Safety harness

Don't:

- ✗ Start the work without all necessary PPE
- ✗ Use damaged PPE
- ✗ Work with people who refuse to use all appropriate PPE
- ✗ Get careless while wearing your PPE – the dangers are still there

