

Checklist

Personal protective equipment

- ✓ Are health and safety risks adequately controlled at work and can risks be eliminated or reduced without using PPE?

- ✓ Is PPE used only as a last resort?

- ✓ Where PPE is necessary, has an assessment been done to identify the types of PPE which are suitable to protect against the hazard and the job to be done?

- ✓ Are safety representatives and workers genuinely consulted about the choice of PPE?

- ✓ Do workers have the opportunity to try out different types of PPE?

- ✓ Is the PPE suitable and provided free of charge?

- ✓ Does the PPE comply with British and European standards?

- ✓ Is the PPE appropriate for the risks involved and the conditions at the place where exposure to the risk may occur?

- ✓ Does the PPE prevent or adequately control the risks involved without increasing the overall level of risk?

- ✓ Can the PPE be adjusted to fit the wearer correctly?

- ✓ Is the PPE suitable for women workers or has it been designed for men?

- ✓ Has the state of health of those wearing the PPE been taken into account?

- ✓ Have the needs of the job and demands it places on the wearer been considered, for example, physical effort and the need to communicate?

- ✓ If more than one item of PPE is being worn, are they compatible?

- ✓ Is there a system of regular maintenance?

- ✓ Is appropriate storage provided for PPE?

- ✓ Is information, instruction and training provided for employees?

- ✓ Do employees know how to use PPE properly?

- ✓ Is there adequate supervision to ensure proper use of PPE?

- ✓ Is there a procedure for reporting loss or defects in PPE?

- ✓ Are safety representatives and members involved in all decisions about the use of protective clothing and equipment?

- ✓ Do areas that require PPE have proper safety signs?

- ✓ Is PPE provided solely for personal use?