



SAFETY



CONVERSATION



Topic: Personal Protective Equipment

WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO LEARN

In this Safety Conversation you will learn about personal protective equipment and how it can protect you from a wide range of hazards. Good protection is essential for your health and safety.

HOW IT WILL HELP YOU IN YOUR JOB

Following this conversation, you will:

- Understand why wearing the correct personal protective equipment (PPE) at work is good for your health and safety
- Be able to identify which tasks require certain personal protective equipment
- Know how to request new PPE or report defective PPE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Why is it important to wear personal protective equipment (PPE)?

- Risk assessment of the task has identified this equipment to be required in order to reduce any hazards
- Without wearing the PPE the likelihood of an incident is increased
- It is your responsibility to ensure you are wearing the correct PPE for the task and to ensure your colleagues are too.

What PPE should be used?

Slip resistant shoes: Should be worn by any staff working within kitchens and any other place where the floor safety risk assessment identifies a requirement for these to be worn.

Reinforced toe-capped shoes: Where heavy lifting and/or movement of heavy equipment, stock and trollies is part of your job role.

Rubber gloves, goggles and face masks: These are mostly required when handling concentrated chemicals.

Rigger gloves (Safety Gloves): When handling and moving kegs, pallets, roll cages, tables and staging.

Who should you speak to you if you require PPE or if your PPE is defective?

In the first instance speak to your supervisor or line manager if you feel you require and PPE or if the PPE you have is defective. It is your responsibility to highlight any issues with your PPE.

PUTTING WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT INTO PRACTICE

- Always wearing the right gear, in the right conditions for your job means safer working and makes good sense.
- Check your kit; make sure you have the right PPE for the job. If you don't report it to your manager.



BE MINDFUL

- Consider whether a new a new task you are asked to do requires PPE

SPEAK OUT

- Inform your supervisor or manager if you require PPE or if the PPE you have is defective
- If the PPE is not providing you with adequate protection let your supervisor or manager know as soon as possible

GET INVOLVED

- Encourage your colleagues to wear the correct PPE for the job

YOUR VALIDATION

- Whose responsibility is it that you wear your PPE?
- When should slip resistant shoes be worn?
- Who should you inform if your PPE is defective?

MORE INFORMATION

- PPE Guidance Poster
- Task Risk Assessments and COSHH Product Assessments
- HSE Website

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