

Talk No. 3 - PPE

Reason for Talk

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is designed to protect the wearer from injury from physical, chemical and biological hazards – It is the employers duty to supply the equipment and it is the employees duty to wear it. PPE is a last defence – if you do not wear it you have no defence !!!!

Main Points

Company Policy

Presenter to outline company policy – this may include:

- ◆ Mandatory equipment on this site – this may include, safety boots, hard hat and high visibility vest (*Presenter to include others if required*)
- ◆ Job specific equipment must be available and worn.
- ◆ Company employees will be supplied with the required equipment – all sub contractors and self employed must provide their own.
- ◆ All equipment must be treated with respect – you may depend on it to save your life !

Head Protection

- ◆ Falling objects and materials can result in serious injury – wearing a safety helmet reduces the risk of such serious injury.
- ◆ Check your helmet for cracks and damage - IF IT'S DAMAGED REPLACE IT!
- ◆ Ensure helmet harness is adjusted to provide a comfortable and secure fit.
- ◆ DO NOT PAINT YOUR HELMET – IT WILL WEAKEN IT.
- ◆ Helmets last 2 to 3 years with average use. They are date stamped to show the year of manufacture – replace as required.

Presenter should discuss the use and abuse of helmets

Questions

Presenter should request any questions from the audience

MAIN POINT FROM THIS SESSION

IF YOU WANT TO STAY SAFE – WEAR A HARD HAT !

