



PPE Assessment

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Personal Protective Equipment Assessment

Introduction

This Guidance Note includes an assessment template for determining which personal protective equipment (PPE) should be provided to your operatives. If you wish to use this template to construct your own documents, you must ensure that all references to **Alcumus SafeContractor Accreditation** have been removed and the final documents are clearly incorporated into your existing safety management system.

Please note that even though the Construction (Head Protection) Regulations 1989 have been revoked, there is still a legal requirement for you to provide operatives with hard hats should your risk assessment determine they are required.

You may also find the following guidance produced by the HSE to be of use:

- A short guide to the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 (INDG174). Available at: www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg174.pdf
- Hard hats – What you need to know as a busy builder (CIS70). Available at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/cis70.pdf>
- Personal protective equipment at Work, L25. Available at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/l25.pdf>

Appendix 1

Personal Protective Equipment Assessment

Task Assessed:	
Number of persons carrying out task:	
Date of Assessment:	
Person completing assessment:	

Is the following protection required?	Yes	No
1. Head Protection		
Protection of the head in the event of a fall.		
Protection of the head against falling objects or impact with fixed objects.		
Protection against striking fixed obstacles, scalping or entanglement.		
2. Eye Protection		
Lateral protection.		
Total protection from all angles.		
Full-face protection, but not enclosing the eyes.		
3. Foot Protection		
Slip resistance.		
Oil resistant.		
Shock resistant.		
Heat resistance.		
Anti-static.		
Conductive.		
Toecap reinforcement to prevent crushing.		
Midsole reinforcement to prevent penetration.		
Moulding or bonding of the sole and upper against separation.		
Waterproof.		
4. Hand and Arm Protection		
Penetration and abrasion.		
Thermal protection.		
Chemical protection.		
Vibration.		

5. Hearing Protection		
Noise levels exceeding 85 dB(A).		
6. Respiratory Protection		
Dusts and particulates.		
Gases and vapours.		
7. Protective Clothing for the Body		
Low risk chemicals.		
Strong solvents, oils and greases.		
Whole-body protection against chemicals.		
Whole-body protection against vapour.		
Splash resistance.		
Fibres and dusts.		
Keeping dry.		
Keeping warm.		
Protection against specific equipment hazards.		
High visibility.		
Fall from height.		
Buoyancy.		
8. Manufacture		
Is the PPE manufactured to the correct CE, CEN/BS standard?		
9. Condition		
Is the PPE in good condition?		
10. Storage		
Are the storage facilities for PPE satisfactory?		
11. Training		
Has training on how to use PPE been provided?		
Has refresher training been provided where necessary?		

To note: A competent person should carry out the assessment. Where an affirmative response is given then the action required should be stated in the table provided. After an action is completed, it should be signed off.

Actions Required	
	Completed by & date
Review by competent person/manager	

