



HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT No2

Date: 1 st Nov 14	To be placed onto the site notice board
Regulations	Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 1992 (As Amended)
Subject:	Correct use of PPE in the Workplace

This safety alert highlights key issues with regards to the storage, cleanliness and hygiene of PPE. The alert is prompted by several incidents where when inspecting sites operatives were found to be either not wearing the PPE correctly, (or not at all) and that PPE was being stored in an unsafe manner that reduced the effectiveness of the equipment which is designed for your safety.

DID YOU KNOW: That many of the injuries in the workplace can be prevented by the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

As an Employer we are responsible for assessing the physical and health hazards that can be found in our workplace and on sites. As a result of this we are also responsible for selecting, providing, and maintaining PPE and training employees in its use.

Some of the types of injuries and hazards that might be present and cause harm or illness:

- ✚ HAND - heat, cuts, abrasions, puncture, contact with chemicals
- ✚ FOOT - falling objects, chemical contact, puncture, slippery floors
- ✚ EYE - projectiles, dust, chemical splashes, steam, molten metals, and light radiation
- ✚ HEAD - falling objects, projectiles, low headroom, or sharp edges overhead
- ✚ LUNGS - dust, vapours, steam, lack of oxygen,
- ✚ NOISE - consistently loud noise, impulse or impact noise

Employee Responsibilities:

All operatives are responsible for attending PPE training sessions including toolbox talks. You are also required to read and comply with all safety instructions that may appear on tools, equipment, chemicals, Material Safety Data Sheet's and the PPE. It is also your responsibility to read and follow directions from supervisors or safety managers.

Finally, employees need to assess the real and potential hazards of the job and report any and all unsafe conditions to the supervisor or safety manager.

Failure to comply with the safety instructions can lead to disciplinary action and even result in you being removed from this and all Madigan Gill sites