



PPE Policy statement

Aircover will ensure that suitable and sufficient arrangements are in place to ensure that risks posed to the health and safety of employees and others by its activities, that cannot be prevented so far as is reasonably practicable, are controlled by the provision of suitable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Choosing PPE – risk assessment

The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 (PPE Regulations) require that an employer must provide suitable PPE to each of their employees who are exposed to a hazard while at work. PPE is to be used as a last resort if that hazard has not been controlled by other means.

The PPE provided to employees must be suitable for the purpose and person. In selecting the appropriate PPE the health of the wearer must be taken into consideration. Conditions may exist where it is not advisable to use PPE, especially Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE). If there is any doubt as to the wearer's health an Occupational Health assessment is to be carried out.

As well as considering control of exposure to hazard, other factors must be considered when choosing PPE:-

~ The PPE must fit the wearer properly, if necessary after adjustments within the range for which the PPE is designed.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Must be supplied free of charge to all employees.

Information and training

The employee must be provided with information, instruction and training, which is adequate and appropriate, so that the employee understands:-

~ The hazard or hazards which the PPE wholly protects or partly protects against, and the level of protection it offers against each individual hazard.

~ The purpose for which the PPE is to be used and how it is to be used.

~ How to maintain the PPE in a good state of efficiency and repair if appropriate.

Maintenance of Personal Protective Equipment

Generally, make sure PPE is;

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~ Well looked after and properly stored when not in use. E.g. eye protection should be stored in a box or case.

~ Kept clean and in good repair

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