

Personal Protective Equipment

1. Overview

- 1.1 Chapter 2 of the NSW OHS Regulation 2001 requires that once workplace hazards have been identified, the associated risks be assessed and eliminated, or if not reasonably practicable to do so, controlled. See [Risk Assessment and Management](#) on the UWS [OHS webpage](#) for further information.
- 1.2 Personal protective equipment (PPE) should be used as part of a total risk management strategy and in conjunction with other risk control measures, rather than as a preferred method of managing risk.

2. Selection and Use of PPE

- 2.1 The selection and use of PPE should be considered as part of the risk assessment process in consultation with the user(s).
- 2.2 The equipment provided should be suitable for the task, appropriate for the person and control the risks for that person.
- 2.3 PPE must be Standards approved.
- 2.4 The equipment must be properly maintained and repaired or replaced when necessary.
- 2.5 Instruction and training must be provided to allow the employee to use the equipment correctly in order to control risks.
- 2.6 Areas where PPE must be used should be clearly identified.
- 2.7 Abuse or vandalising PPE will be considered a disciplinary matter.

3. Further Information

- 3.1 See the WorkCover NSW webpage for [FAQ on PPE](#).
- 3.2 Please contact the [OHS&IS](#) unit if you require further information.