



Today's presentation is about combatting non-compliant & potentially unsafe PPE/Personal Protective Equipment, which currently abound on our shores. The aim of this presentation is to alert and teach those that use/procure PPE/Safety equipment to have a better understanding of the issues around the:

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY CONCERNING PPE.





British Safety Industry Federation BSiF is the UK Trade Association covering the PPE and Safety Equipment sector. BSiF have over 365 members covering:

- **Accredited Test Labs/Certification approved bodies for the PPE Reg**
- **Manufacturers**
- **Distributors**
- **Importers**
- **Agents**
- **Safety training providers**

BSiF drive best practice help rehabilitate the PPE/Safety industry and thereby improve workers safety both now and in the future.



Safety Groups UK

PROMOTING HEALTH & SAFETY NATIONWIDE



Alan Murray appointed president of Safety Groups UK

21 August 2024

SAFETY GROUPS UK (SGUK), the coordinating body for a network of around 73 local voluntary occupational health and safety groups across the UK, has appointed Alan Murray as its new president.



Alan Murray brings with him a wealth of experience in the safety and health industry, having been a prominent leader in the field since the 1980s.

SGUK, a registered charity originally established in 1947, plays a crucial role in promoting awareness and knowledge about work-related health and safety risks. It achieves this by bringing together diverse groups of people to share important messages, experiences, concerns, and solutions. Local safety groups, some of which date back to the 1920s and '30s, are a well-established part of the UK's health and safety system. An important part of their work is educating and supporting non-specialists who have health and safety responsibilities as part of their wider roles,

BSiF now has Secretariat role for SGUK



Lets look at Taking The
Risk out Of Specifying
PPE & Safety Equipment





What is PPE?

According to the PPE Regulation 1992:

'All equipment... which is intended to be worn or held by a person at work and which protects the person against one or more risks to that person's health or safety, and any addition or accessory designed to meet that objective'



Is there *REALLY* a problem with Non-Compliant Products?

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Trio charged over suspected international PPE fraud



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Two people were arrested during raids in Loughborough, with a third detained in Lytham St Annes

Matt Taylor
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5.9m non-compliant PPE items stopped at Felixstowe not government or NHS orders, says Trading Standards

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Hull cleaning boss jailed for selling dodgy face masks during height of Covid-19 pandemic

Paul Scott-South sold sub-standard masks, claiming they offered higher levels of protection than non-certified masks, but they offered non whatsoever

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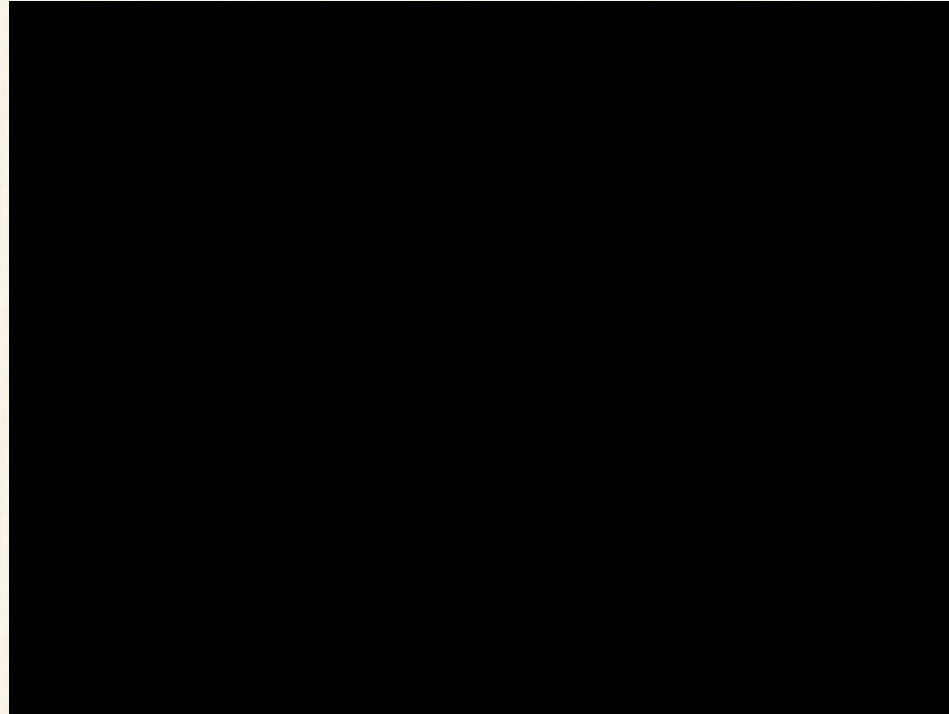
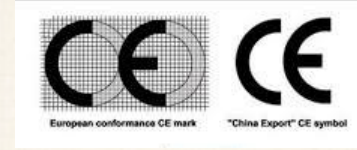
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Three arrested over suspected international PPE fraud

8 February





So what are the risks of specifying Non-Complaint products?

Injury, Ill-health or Death



Prosecution – Fines & Imprisonment



A fabrication company in Dorset has been fined after four employees were exposed to hazardous substances that caused significant ill health and time off work as a result.

Poole Magistrates' Court heard how, on the 9 October 2017, between 150 and 200 litres of a chemical preparation, that included hydrofluoric acid, spilled across a large area of the factory floor. Four workers were involved in the clean-up that took several hours.

They were provided with inadequate PPE and RPE to undertake clear up, for which they had no training. Some of them suffered ill health following the incident, which included an asthma attack, a severe headache, nausea, sore eyes and throat.

One of the workers, whose symptoms persisted, was referred to by his doctor to a specialist for treatment.

An investigation by the [Health and Safety Executive](#) (HSE) found that there was significant non-compliance regarding management of substances hazardous to health. The company had failed to carry out a suitable and sufficient assessment and had not prepared for this emergency situation.

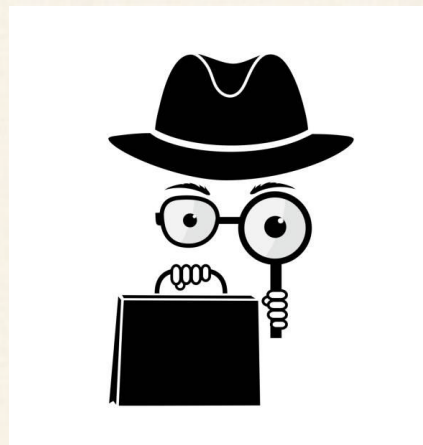
One of the failings was that the RPE (face masks) provided did not have the correct type of filter for protecting against hydrofluoric acid gas.

Additionally, the type of RPE provided to workers relied on a good seal against the face in order to protect workers and no [face fit test](#) had been undertaken to ensure the masks fitted the workers' faces.

Furthermore, workers were unshaven meaning their [beards or stubble prevented an effective seal](#) of the RPE to their faces.

The fabrication company pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health & Safety at Work 1974 Act and were fined £13,000 and ordered to pay costs of £9,551.

Negative publicity



The BSiF secretly shop PPE to assess whether the products found match their claimed performance by indicative testing and assessing documentation and markings. BSiF handed over hundreds of proved 'spurious' sellers of non-compliant PPE during the height of the pandemic



BSIF non-member PPE test results 2024

100%
of helmets
FAILED to meet
test criteria



100 %
of eye protection
FAILED tests



88%
of RPE had
ineffective filters



90%
of hearing
protection
didn't meet
standards



85%
of high-vis
jackets
FAILED
brightness
tests

86%
of safety shoes
FAILED impact
and other tests



95%
of gloves
left
workers
exposed



100 %
of fall protection
fell short of test
criteria

*image shown for illustration purposes only and not actual product

Anyone can sell safety - but you shouldn't buy safety from just anyone:
Always check for the BSIF shield!
Visit: www.registeredsafetysupplier.co.uk





BRITISH SAFETY INDUSTRY FEDERATION

Registered Safety Supplier Scheme Update

308 Members Auditable

206 Audits Conducted (67%)

186 Completed (90%)

Member PPE Assessments

270 TOTAL –

41 Pending

196 Pass

29 Fail assessment (13%)

16 Documentation/Marking Fail*

Non-Member PPE Assessments

106 TOTAL -

16 Pending

12 Pass

78 Fail assessment (87%)

258 Documentation/Marking Fail*

Results may show failures against product claims *and/or* documentation

*May show more than 1 failure against each product

Oct 2024

Member/Affiliate Testing & Assessment

Pass/Fail	Totals
Pass	196
Fail	29
Pending	41
Total	266
% Fail	13%

Type	Total	Pass	Fail	Pending	%Fail
Head	10	8	0	2	0%
Eye/Face	21	18	0	2	0%
Hearing	12	9	0	3	0%
RPE	28	17	2	9	11%
Clothing	25	17	4	4	19%
Hi-Vis	48	37	5	6	12%
Hand/Arm	44	27	8	6	23%
Foot	65	49	10	6	17%
Eqpt	1	1	0	0	0%
WAH	9	8	0	1	0%
WTP	6	4	0	2	0%
Motorcycle	0	0	0	0	0%
Sport	1	1	0	0	0%
Totals	270	196	29	41	13%

No. Of EO's to be assessed/tested	309
No. of products/WTP assessed/tested	200
No. of Test Failures	25
No. of Test Passes	206
No. Missing/Incorrect DOC	6
No. Missing/incorrect UIS	3
No. Missing/incorrect Certificates	4
No. Missing/incorrect Markings	3

* = Unique products - if the same product has been assessed/tested for more than 1 member, it is only recorded once.

Non-BSIF Organisation Testing & Assessment

Pass/Fail	Totals
Pass	12
Fail	78
Pending	16
Total	106
% Fail	87%

Type	Total	Pass	Fail	Pending	%Fail
Head	5	0	5	0	100%
Eye/Face	1	0	1	0	100%
Hearing	28	3	22	3	88%
RPE	13	3	6	4	67%
Clothing	5	0	4	1	100%
Hi-Vis	11	2	9	0	82%
Hand/Arm	9	0	3	6	100%
Foot	30	3	25	2	89%
Eqpt	1	1	0	0	0%
WAH	3	0	3	0	100%
WTP	0	0	0	0	0%
Motorcycle	0	0	0	0	0%
Sport	0	0	0	0	0%
Totals	106	12	78	16	87%

No. Of EO's assessed/tested	36
No. of products/WTP assessed/tested	61
No. of Test Failures	34
No. of Test Passes	56
No. Missing/Incorrect DOC	70
No. Missing/incorrect UIS	75
No. Missing/incorrect Certificates	38
No. Missing/incorrect Markings	75

* = Unique products - if the same product has been assessed/tested for more than 1 Non-Member, it is only recorded once.

22 Non compliant PPE products reported to Market Surveillance Authorities YTD Oct 2024 , 8 responses ZERO Prosecutions...

Market Surveillance for PPE & Safety Equipment 2022/23



Office for Product Safety & Standards

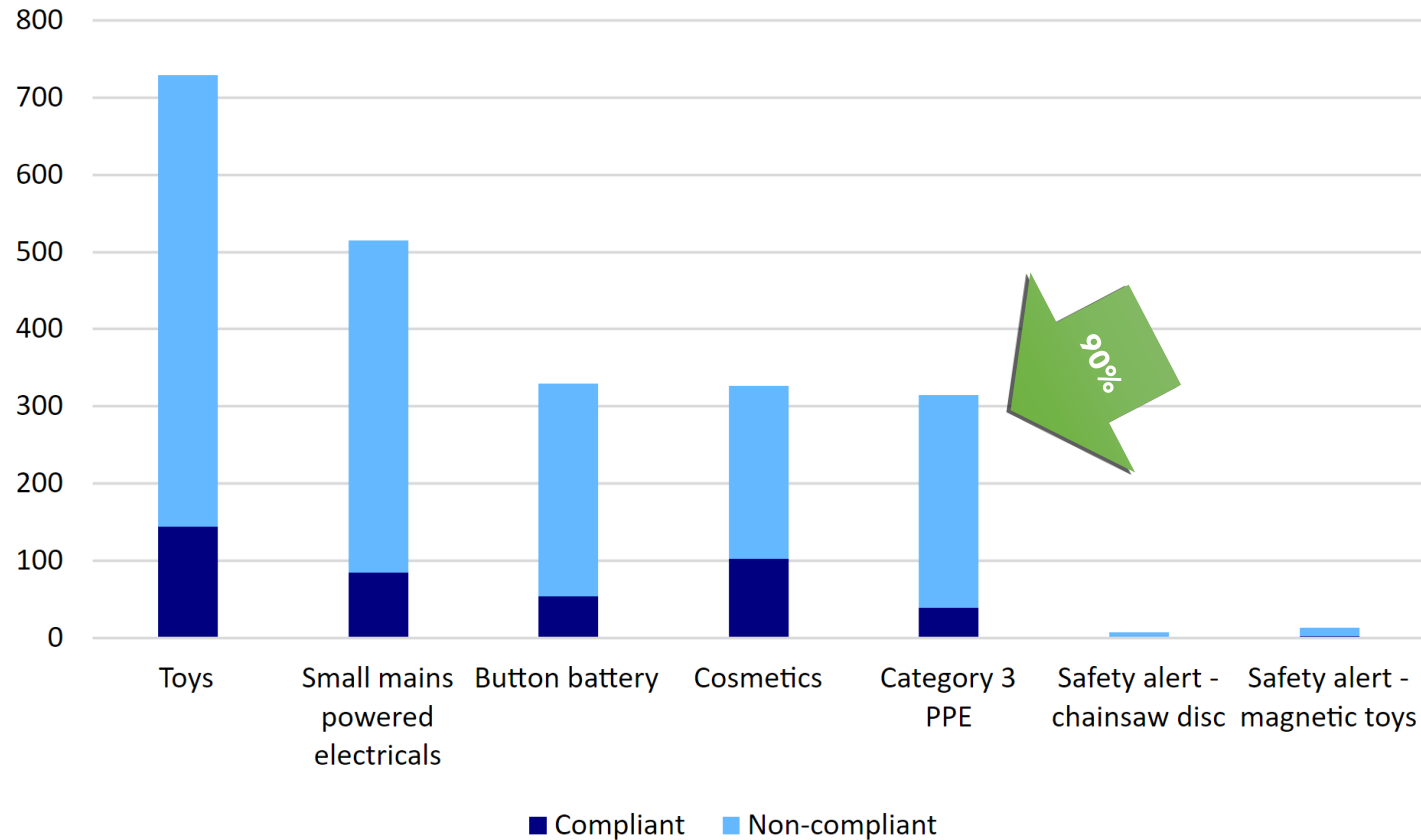


Table 1: Product categories notified on PSD, 2023-24

The table represent the figures from April 2023 to March 2024

Type of Product	No.	%
Electrical appliances and equipment	634	22.87
Cosmetics	561	20.24
Toys	399	14.39
Personal protective equipment (PPE)	278	10.03
Machinery	145	5.23
Jewellery	141	5.09
Clothing, textiles and fashion items	94	3.39
Gas appliances and components	94	3.39
Childcare articles and children's equipment	60	2.16
Hobby / sports equipment	49	1.77
Hand tools	48	1.73
Chemical products	46	1.66
Lighting equipment	43	1.55
Decorative articles	38	1.37
Furniture	25	0.90
Communication and media equipment	22	0.79
Kitchen / cooking accessories	22	0.79
Construction products	17	0.61
Gadgets	13	0.47

These figures from 2023/2024 detail the number and type of products that the OPSS determined represented a potential risk to the user. Some 278 items of PPE (10% of the overall total), the fourth highest behind electrical appliances, cosmetics and toys

The Regulatory Landscape – the scourge of Online Marketplaces

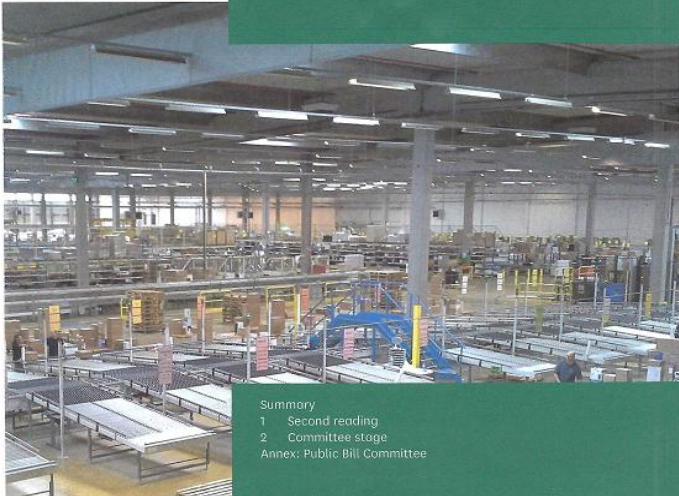
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Research Briefing

29 May 2025

By Lorraine Conway,
Dominic Webb,
Claire Duddy

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [HL]: Progress of the bill



Summary

1. Second reading
 2. Committee stage
- Annex: Public Bill Committee

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New legislation came into force in the UK in July placing duties on online distance seller/ marketplaces. **Good news, but needs robust secondary legislation to back it up! Sadly lacking!!**

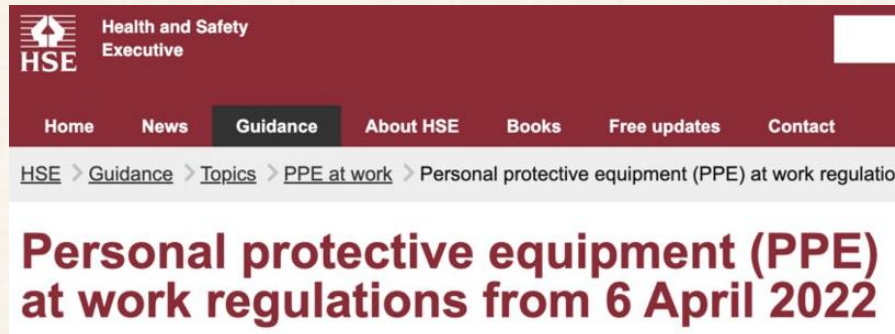


Protection Earmuffs Headphones Child
Noise Reduction Safety Earmuffs
Foldable Adjustable for Boys Girls 1-14
Years Old

Brand: SIQITECHUK

4.8 ★★★★★ 5 ratings

So, what does the law say?



PPE (at work REGS) 1992 (Part of the Healthy & Safety at work act) places a duty on every employer in Great Britain to ensure that suitable PPE is provided to 'employees' who may be exposed to a risk to their health or safety while at work. ***PPER 2022*** extends this duty to limb (b) workers and came into force on 6 April 2022. This means all workers even on a temporary/casual contract must be provided PPE by the employer.

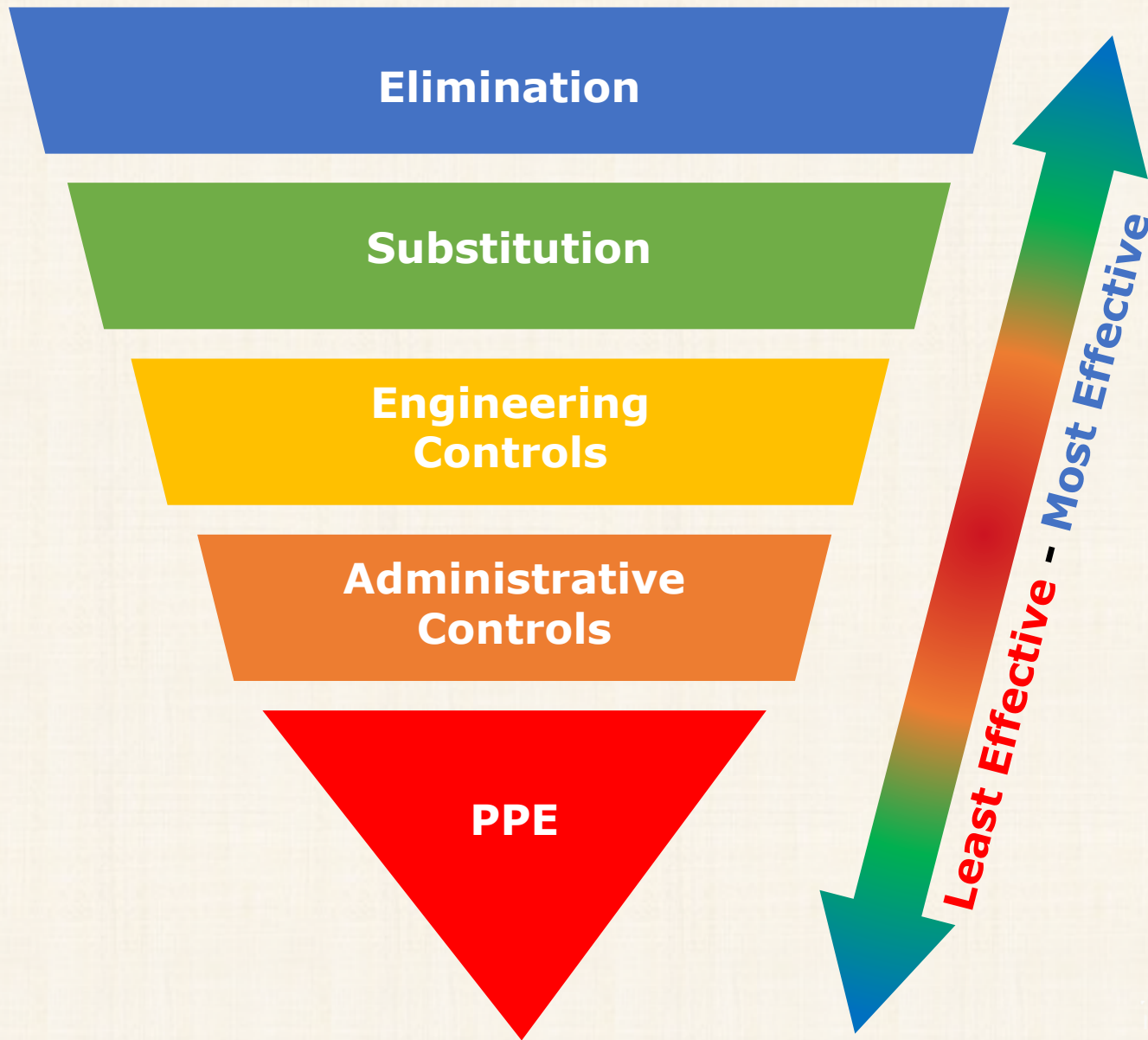
Self-employed are exempt.



Further duties in relation to PPE are that it must be

- *Provided – FREE OF CHARGE*
- *Compatible with any other PPE*
- *Maintained or disposed of correctly*
- *Correctly stored when not in use*
- *Used properly – training in use, care, storage and maintenance must be provided*





Managing Hazards

PPE should **ALWAYS** be the final option – but often it is the most *practicable* so should be treated as such.

Risk assessment is vital to ensure that the right 'tool' is specified for the job



Anything ≠ Nothing!





Check Your PPE

Product Markings

Conformity Assessed –
does it have a UKCA, CE or UKNI Mark
(CE & UKNI can be combined)?

If it is Category III PPE, is the 4 digit
number of the Approving Body detailed
With the Conformity mark?

Does it detail the Standards to which
it has been approved?

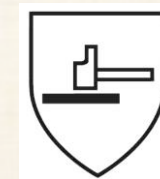
Does it show relevant pictograms &
performance scores?

Are the markings clear and able to be
understood?

Examples



BS EN ISO 374-1:2018/Type A



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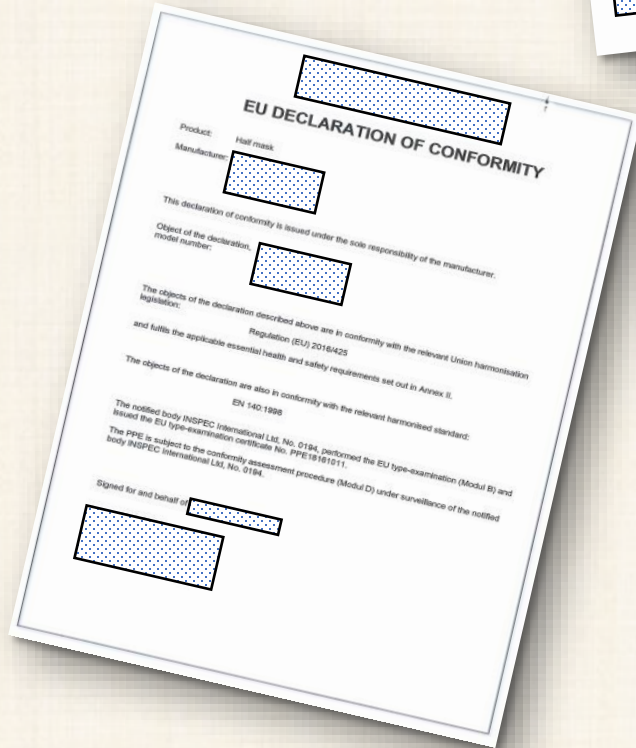
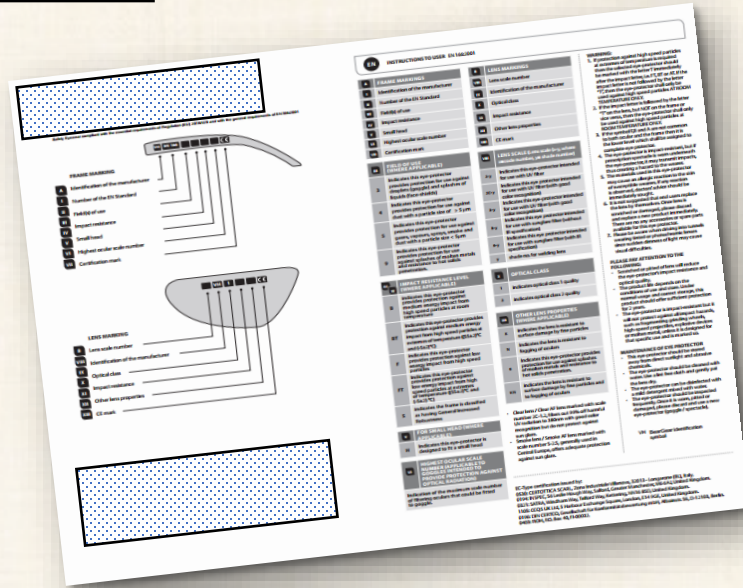


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Required Documentation

Was the PPE issued with a User Instruction Sheet or Instructions For Use?



Was the PPE issued with a Declaration Of Conformity or was there a link in the UIS/IFU where it can be viewed online?

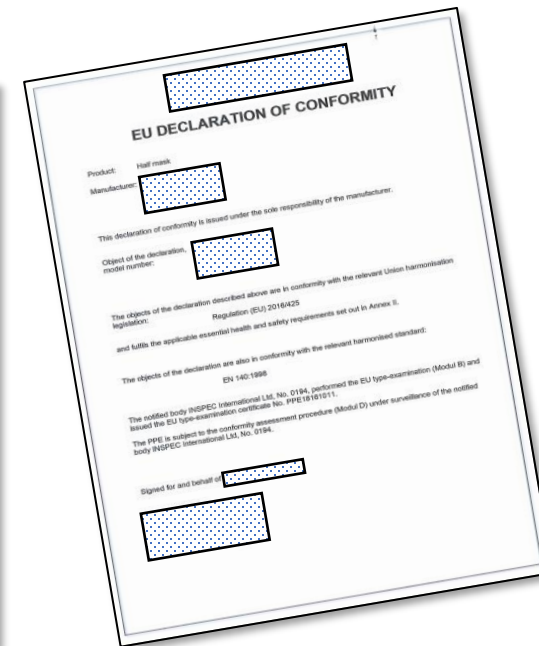
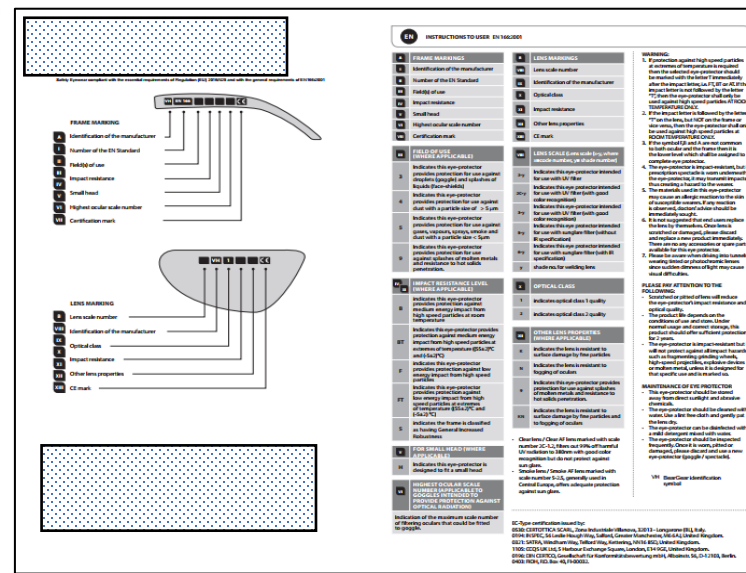
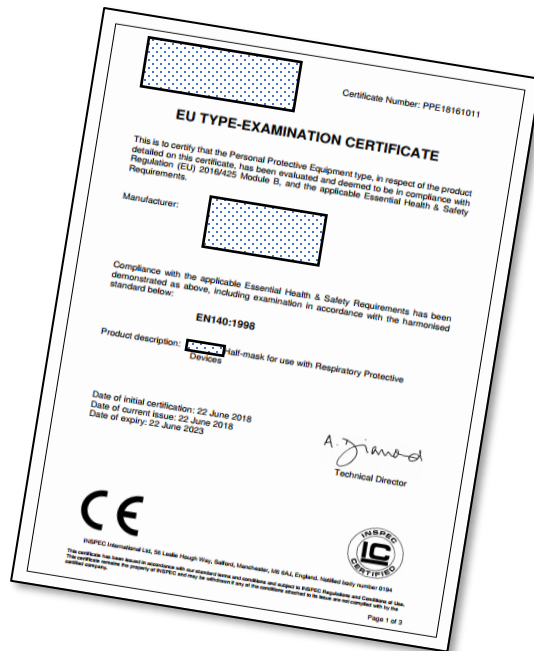


Check
Your
PPE

Empower yourself. What to look for/ask for when buying PPE. Ask to see these supporting Documents. They should be readily available

The following documents are a requirement & produced in the process of conformity assessment by the Manufacturer of the PPE and they should be readily available, so why not ask?

- Manufacturers Module B EU Type Examination Certificate
- Declaration Of Conformity for the product
- User Instruction Sheets



Supporting Documents

Manufacturers Module B EU Type Examination Certificate

The diagram shows a Manufacturers Module B EU Type Examination Certificate with the following fields and callouts:

- Notified/Approved Body Name and number:** Points to the vertical text "0101 NOTIBO" on the left side of the certificate.
- Certificate Number:** Points to "Certificate BSIF00125001" at the top right.
- Manufacturer name and address:** Points to "AnySupply Ltd", "1a High Street", "Anyton", "Anyshire", and "AN1 1NA".
- Approval to PPE Regulation:** Points to "PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425" and "Module B, EU type-examination".
- Date of issue & Date of Expiry:** Points to "Date of Issue: 01 April 2020" and "Date of Expiry: 31st March 2025".
- Product description and coding:** Points to "AS Safety Spectacle -300115".
- Signature of authorised person at Notified/Approved Body:** Points to the signature of the authorised person.
- Name, address and number of Notified Body:** Points to "BSIF, Notified Body 0101", "BSIF House", "Hemel Hempstead, Herts.", "HP1 3AF England", and "www.bsif.co.uk".
- Subsequent pages with test details etc. listed:** Points to the right side of the certificate, indicating where test details are listed.

Certificate Content:

0101 NOTIBO

Certificate BSIF00125001

AnySupply Ltd
1a High Street
Anyton
Anyshire
AN1 1NA

It is certified that the manufacturers technical files and the PPE products detailed on this certificate have been assessed and found to be in accordance with


PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425
Module B, EU type-examination

Date of Issue: 01 April 2020 **Date of Expiry: 31st March 2025**

AS Safety Spectacle -300115

It is certified that the manufacturer's technical file and the above mentioned PPE have been assessed and found to meet the essential Health & Safety Requirements in Annex II of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 Personal Protective Equipment

Certification is based on technical file reference ASSS0012 and test results as detailed on following pages

Authorised by


BSIF, Notified Body 0101
BSIF House
Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
HP1 3AF England
www.bsif.co.uk

This certificate remains the Property of BSIF to whom it must be returned on request

What do these Supporting Documents look like?


Declaration Of Conformity

Company Logo → **XXXX Company**

Title and Number of D of C → **Declaration of Conformity No. 0105123**

Name and Address of manufacturer → **BSIF**
BSIF House
Hemel Hempstead
Herts. HP1 3AF

Description & code of PPE → **Cov-R-All Chemical Protective Coverall C/w Hood**
Code: **CRA100** – Category III PPE
Yellow – Size Ranges Small to XXXL
Various Batch Numbers apply

Image of Product → 

Declaration of Compliance with PPE Regulation → The product referenced in this Declaration satisfies the essential Health & Safety requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 Personal Protective Equipment


Declaration of Compliance with specific Standards → The product referenced in this declaration is issued in compliance with the following harmonised Standards

Details of Module B Certificate(s) → EN 13034:2005+A1:2009 Type 6 – Protection against reduced spray of liquid chemicals
EN ISO 13982-1:2004+A1:2010 Type 5 – Protection against hazardous particles
EN 14605:2005+A1:2009 Type 3 & 4 – Protection against liquid chemicals
EN 14126:2003 Type 3B/4B/5B/6B – Protection from biological hazards
EN 1149-5:2008 Electrostatic Properties – Performance requirements using EN1149-1:2006

Details of Notified Body who issued Module B Certificate(s) → EU Module B Type Certificate number: 5231105/1 Refers

Details of Notified/Approved Body who conduct QA Module Assessment → **BTTG Testing & Certification Ltd**
Unit 14, Wheel Forge Way
Trafford Park, Manchester, M17 1EH
Notified Body No: 0338

Module D QA Assessment by: **SATRA Technology Europe Ltd**
Bracetown Business Park
Clonee, Dublin, D15 YN2P
Notified Body No: 2777

Authorised and approved: 01/04/2020
Issued by: 

Details of who (person) issued D of C and date of issue



Check Your PPE

Product Condition

Is the PPE clean, undamaged and suitable for use?



If the PPE requires regular servicing or maintenance, has this been conducted? Are there records that show it has been?



Training and Risk Assessment

Do you know how to use the PPE Correctly?

Do you know how to Store, Care & maintain it correctly?



Has there been a risk assessment carried out prior to PPE being specified?



**Check
Your
PPE**

In 2016 To combat non-compliance in our sector BSIF started **The Registered Safety Supplier Scheme annual audit** for members that bring PPE/Safety equipment to market. This audit ensures that members meet their legal responsibilities and obligations as required by the **PPER 2016/425 (UK law)**. This includes:

1. **Members must submit annually to having their products assessed by our audit team, this can include testing of product to only PPE that complies to the correct legislation is being sold.**
2. **Members must supply a the legally required documentation. EU type cert/DOC/user instructions**
3. **Members must prove they have due diligence systems in place to ensure correct quality management systems/Quality Policies**
4. **Must show/prove they have product traceability and be able to initiate product recalls**
5. **Correct level of Public & Products liability insurance.**
6. **Members sales staff must undergo a NEBOSH qualification to enable them to speak/advise correctly on PPE/Safety.**

So what
are the
BSIF doing
about it?



Anyone can sell Safety, but you shouldn't buy Safety from **just** anyone

TAKE THE RISK OUT OF PPE & SAFETY PRODUCT PROCUREMENT SPECIFY THE SHIELD

Sourcing compliant PPE and safety equipment isn't always straightforward. Checking for the BSIF shield confirms your supplier is a Registered Safety Supplier and will help you find products that perform as promised.

CHECK

CHECK the supplier you are specifying is BSIF Registered. BSIF audited suppliers are compliant, competent and trustworthy. Don't settle for less.



SELECT

SELECT appropriate, certified and compliant products. Registered Safety Suppliers can support the product selection process through their competence, capability and knowledge.



PROTECT

PROTECT your workforce and your business. Registered Safety Suppliers go above and beyond, helping to keep your people safe and helping your business to thrive.



ANYONE CAN SELL SAFETY,
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SAFETY FROM JUST ANYONE.
ALWAYS SPECIFY THE SHIELD



Find a Registered Safety Supplier at:
WWW.REGISTEREDSAFETYSUPPLIERScheme.CO.UK

What is a Registered Safety Supplier?

...a PPE & safety equipment supplier you can trust!

Compliant

Registered Safety Suppliers commit to only selling compliant PPE & safety equipment. Specifying the shield helps businesses fulfil their duty under PPE legislation to ensure products are suitable and fit for purpose

Competent

Registered Safety Suppliers invest in developing client-facing staff's knowledge, skills and abilities, enabling them to provide specialist advice on PPE & safety equipment

Verified

Products and processes from **Registered Safety Suppliers** are tested and verified to confirm compliance with the relevant standards and regulations

Dependable

As BSIF members, **Registered Safety Suppliers** can be depended on to trade honestly and ethically and go above and beyond to support customers with PPE & safety equipment procurement



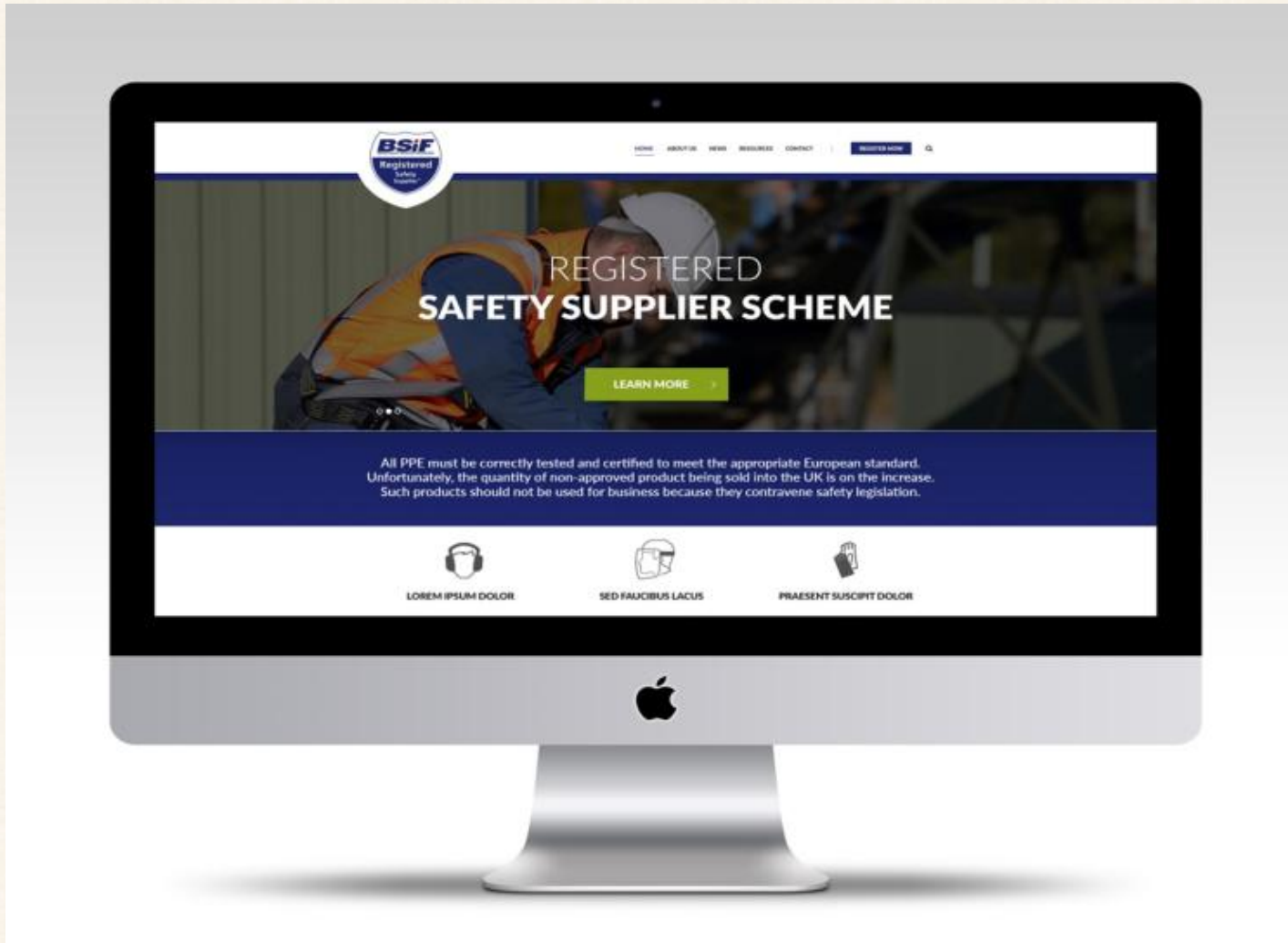
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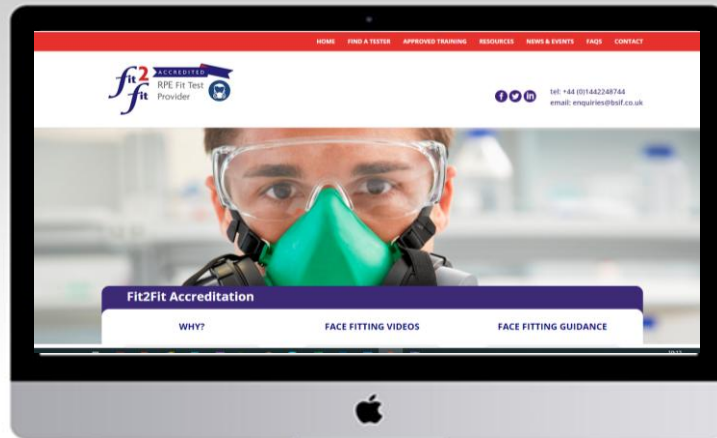
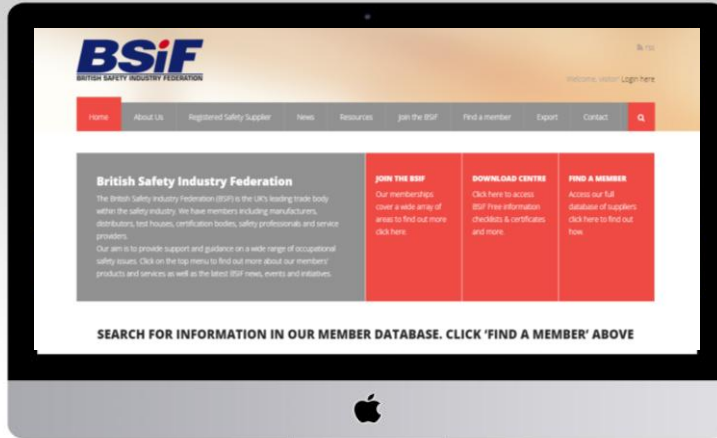
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Go to www.bsif.co.uk to find a compliant seller of PPE & Safety equipment





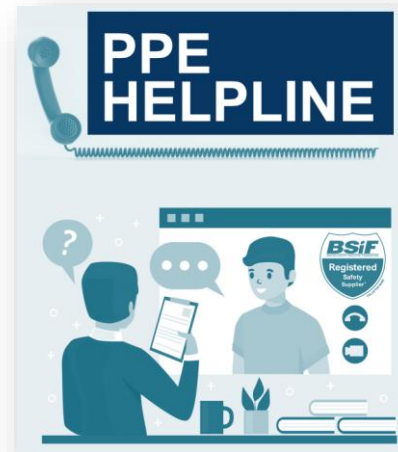


Anyone can sell Safety, but you ***shouldn't***
buy Safety from just anyone!
ALWAYS specify the Shield



BRITISH SAFETY INDUSTRY FEDERATION
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MEMBERSHIP

The BSIF Duty Holder Membership has been developed to enhance the UK safety industry. Become a part of the evolution.



Email: enquiries@bsif.co.uk
Subject: **Duty Holder**
Membership

- Access to BSIF Mailings
- BSIF awareness campaigns/posters
- Special Interest Group/End user interface group
- Qualifications
- Exclusive conferences/seminars/webinars
- Networking Events
- BSi Working Group Referral

The BSIF currently lead 8 Product Special Interest Groups/Working Groups. Through these members push to influence Standards in your chosen industry to drive toward a better future..

Head Eye/face/Hearing Protection
 Spills & Containment
 Height Safety
 Electrical Hazard
 Safety Footwear Protection

Measurement & Instrumentation
 Respiratory Protection
 Protective Glove & Clothing

End User Member interface Group

Test & Certification Group For accredited Labs and UK Approved Bodies

BSiF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT Safety and occupational footwear marking

Basic and additional markings

- S1** - Safety Basic. Any product claiming compliance with EN ISO 20345:2011 offers mechanical protection to the toes 200J Impact resistance and 15,000N compression force.
- S2** - Offers some cushioning in the heel region to reduce fatigue and transferred force to the heel and ankle during activities.
- S3** - Full sole resistance of the outsole. A resistance to damage and swelling of the outsole when in contact with common substances such as petrol.
- S4** - Closed seal region. The heel area of the shoe or boot is closed to the elements and debris. There is no meeting requirement but this properly forms part of the Short cut codes.
- S5** - Closed outside. The heel and forepart area of the footwear induces a heel. There is no marking associated with this but this properly forms part of the Short cut codes.
- O1** - Occupational Basic. Any product claiming compliance with EN ISO 20347:2012 offers NO protection to the toes but must include one or more protective features.
- O2** - Puncture resistance. A resistance to sole penetration of nails and sharp objects. The claim is limited to a maximum force and specific nail shapes.
- O3** - Anti-static. A dissipation of static away from the user to reduce sparking risk. Footwear and others listed resistance to static voltage.
- O4** - Conductive footwear. Conduction of all static away from the user for users in explosive atmospheres. Resistance of 0.1MΩ or less.
- O5** - Offers NO resistance to static voltage.
- WRU** - Water resistant upper. A limit resistance to water penetration through the upper panels. The footwear may not include holes and secondary stitching but seams are not sealed.

Shortcut marking codes for common properties

Safety footwear EN ISO 20345:2011	Occupational footwear EN ISO 20347:2012
Classification I footwear - upper of leather or fabric	
S1 + icons	O1 + icons
S2 + icons	O2 + icons
S3 + icons	O3 + icons
Classification II footwear - Moulded all rubber or polymeric construction	
S4 + icons	O4 + icons
S5 + icons	O5 + icons

Additional markings and descriptions:

- SRA** - Slip resistance on Steel floor surface Sodium Lauryl sulfate (soapy water) lubricant. Representative of most work places with aqueous (water based) lubricants.
- SRB** - Slip resistance on Steel floor surface Glycerol lubricant. Representative of more challenging indoor only work place surfaces with a viscous oil like lubricant.
- SRC** - Both SRA and SRB have been met. This does not indicate best performance. Suitable for work places where the surface & lubricants cannot be predicted/controlled.
- HRO** - Heat resistance of the outsole. Resistance to a short term hot contact with the outsole up to 300°C for 1 minute. The sole will not be damaged.
- HI** - Heat insulation. The footwear resists the transfer of heat to the inner surface up to 150°C for 30 minutes. Inner temperature rise shall be less than 22°C.
- CI** - Cold insulation. The footwear resists the transfer of cold to the inner surface up to -17°C for 30 minutes. Inner temperature drop shall be less than 19°C.
- Electrical Insulation** - Test to EN 60321-1:2016. Wellington boots offering protection against the risk of working on live electrical installations (cut or ACCC with multiple levels).
- AN** - ankle protection. Footwear includes a guard in the ankle to resist transferred forces to the ankle bone. Will offer protection to the ankle so bumps with hand tools for example.
- WR** - Water resistance. The whole footwear has resistance to water penetration. This is a limited claim of 60 minutes leading to water. Products marked WATERPROOF must claim WR.
- HI** - Metatarsal impact. The footwear incorporates a guard that covers the top of the foot to resist impacts from falling objects behind the toe cap up to 100J impact energies (not EN ISO 20347).
- SO** - Cut Resistance upper. Upper of the boot is resistant to cutting by sharp objects. This is only available on boots (not shoes) and protection extends a limited height up the boot-top.
- SHO/BH** - Hybrid footwear. Upper lower part rubber or polymeric, top part leather or fabric.
- SDH** - with toe protection to EN ISO 20347 and with no toe protection EN ISO 20347.

UKB EU42 BSiF

The product size (UK and Palm points shown)
 The supplier brand or trade mark
 The date of manufacture - (premiere) 06/17
 The batch number (recommended) (visibility)
 The number and date of the harmonized/ designated standard
 The category of protection offered
 The name and address of the manufacturer/ importer

EN ISO 20345:2011 S3 WR HRO SRC ABCD

A suitable marking format for safety footwear is shown below. This depiction is an example only and would be permanently attached to the footwear for example via stitching and must remain legible throughout the foreseeable life of the footwear. The example shows DUAL marking and requires certification with both an EU27 footbed body and a UK Approved body.

The UKCA mark indicating compliance with the regulation EUCG94/52 as amended and through annex 1 to the 2011/35/EU Schedule XL Regulation 38 for sales in the United Kingdom

The CE mark indicating compliance with the regulation EUCG94/52 for sales in European member states and Northern Ireland.

The style designation, model name or number

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1.3 Bidders may apply to join the DPS for one, more than one or all items within any of the Categories. There is no limit to the number of Categories that can be applied for. Answering 'No' to any questions does not preclude you from the agreement.

1.4 Are you part of any trade association related to the Safety Industry (such as the British Safety Industry Federation)?

1.5 Do you have an annual audit of your Quality Management Systems, Products and Services undertaken (such as the Registered Safety Supplier Scheme)?



*Tenderers bidding for Lot 1 (Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Clothing) must hold a British Safety Industry Federation (BSIF) certificate or explain how you manage and measure your supply chain to ensure that your products comply and are regularly tested for compliance under the PPE regulations.
Any Tenderer who does not have a BSIF certificate and/or cannot provide a satisfactory response to the question above, will fail.*



Question 1 – Quality Assurance
Weighting – 30 (10x max score of 30 would equal 300 points available)
Max word count – 1500 words plus copy of certification/s (certificates are not included in the word count)
Do you have an annual audit of your Quality Management Systems, Products and Services undertaken (such as the Registered Safety Supplier Scheme)? 100 points



9	BSIF membership/Registered Safety Supplier Scheme	
a.	If you are applying for either Lots 1 or 3 Please confirm that you have BSIF membership and are registered with the Registered Safety Supplier (RSS) Scheme (Please submit supporting evidence with your tender submission).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Training/Qualification for specifiers of PPE/Safety Equipment coming soon

2024 Sourcing Safety Course & Qualification



Anyone that specifies or purchases PPE & Safety products has a legal responsibility to provide compliant, fit for purpose compliant products to those who will use them.

How many fully understand just how important this is? What could it mean if they get this wrong not only for those using the products, but what it could mean to them personally?

This year we will launch a qualification/course aimed specifically at those who source/procure PPE/Safety Products called “Sourcing Safety”. The aim is to help those that source PPE to do it from a position of knowledge and confidence.

Content will include:

- Legal requirements
- Standardization processes (EN/ISO standards) related to PPE & Safety Products
- Market Surveillance
- Management of Safety In the Workplace

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CHECK YOUR PPE






Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is designed to help provide protection against hazards in the workplace; however, it can only provide that protection if it is adequate for the hazard, used correctly and stored and maintained in line with the manufacturer's instructions.

Failing to check your PPE is fit for purpose could leave you or your employees, for whom you have a duty of care, vulnerable and unprotected.

So how do you ensure that your PPE is fit for purpose? The following check list (see reverse) may go some way to helping you and your business make sure that your PPE complies with the law and conforms to the PPE Regulation, 2016/425.

How can you take the risk out of specifying PPE?

The BSIF Registered Safety Supplier Scheme is in place to help those specifying, sourcing and using PPE and Safety Equipment to reduce the risks involved in purchasing these products. BSIF Registered Safety Suppliers commit to trading ethically and only providing, conforming and fit for purpose products into the Market. We encourage all those charged with specifying PPE to:

-  **Check** that the supplier is a BSIF Registered Safety Supplier
-  **Select** the correct PPE, using the guidance provided by their qualified staff
-  **Protect** your most valuable asset – your people



To answer any of your concerns over genuine, compliant PPE and the identification factors and documentation please download BSIF's 'Is it genuine?' document by using the QR Code.

Is it Genuine? - Certificate Checklist

Are you sure that your Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is legal and its supporting documentation is genuine and relates directly to the performance of the equipment?

Despite the best efforts of the market surveillance authorities and ourselves at the BSIF, there are still illegal items of PPE being placed on the market.

Counterfeit PPE and in particular, counterfeit supporting documentation are notably on the increase. Well-known brands and Notified/Approved Bodies are being targeted and there are products being offered that make claims of compliance to BS, EN & ISO standards and offer dubious proof that this is the case.

Often these products do not perform as they should, endangering lives and exposing organisations to the risk of prosecution.

In addition to the work the BSIF have done through our Registered Safety Supplier Scheme, helping to signpost PPE users to reliable suppliers who commit to provide only compliant PPE and, are audited on an annual basis by the BSIF, we have also

established links with Government to highlight fake and incorrect supporting documentation and have these removed.

This guide offers advice on how to check if the supporting documentation for your PPE is genuine and what to do if you are concerned.

How easy is it to spot a counterfeit, illegal or incorrect certificate?

All PPE must be supplied with instructions for use and be appropriately tested and marked with a relevant conformity mark - UKCA for Great Britain and UKNI or CE for Northern Ireland. PPE must also be supplied with User Instructions and a Declaration of Conformity or a link to a website where a Declaration of Conformity can be downloaded.

Without these, the product is illegal to use as protective equipment in the workplace (please note until January 2024 conformity assessment under the CE regime remains acceptable in Great Britain).

You can – and should – request to see the Certification relating to any PPE, and whilst it is not a legal requirement for suppliers to provide this, many will be happy to show that their products comply and have been certified. They MUST provide the User Instructions and Declaration of Conformity in any case.

There are a number of pieces of information that must be included on any certificate and, if these are not evident, then you should be suspicious of the claims made. We provide a checklist for these pieces of information on the next page of this guide. We also look at what should be included on a Declaration of Conformity.



Example: EU Declaration Of Conformity

Declaration title	EU Declaration Of Conformity	Declaration number (optional)	Number 0123456789
Name/ Address of Manufacturer	This declaration is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer: AnySupply Ltd 1a High Street Anytown County Anyplace AN1 1NA	Declaration statement	
Product Reference & Description	Who declare that the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) detailed herein, is in conformity with the PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425 Product Reference: AS Safety Spectacle Clear Lens – 300115 Smoke Lens – 300116	Standards covered by the declaration	
Details of Certifying Body	Standards/Technical Specifications Applied: EN 166:2002 Personal Eye Protection PPE Category II Protection against high-speed particles at extremes of temperature – Low Energy Impact Protection against optical radiation – ultraviolet filters – EN 170 (Clear, Smoke Oculars) Ocular Material – polycarbonate Frame Material – Polycarbonate & TPR	CE mark (optional)	CE
Signed/Dated by Manufacturer	Assessment and Certification for this product was carried out by British Safety Industry Federation (Notified Body 0001) who issued certificate No. BSIF00125001 on the 1 st April 2022 Signed: <i>A Murray</i> A Murray Technical Compliance Manager On 03/04/2022		
Company logo (optional)	AnySupply		



Example: CE/UKNI Certificate

Approved Body name & number	Approved Body 0001	Manufacturers name & address	Issued to: AnySupply Ltd 1a High Street Anytown County Anyplace AN1 1NA
Certification statement	Certificate No. BSIF00125001 It is certified that this UKCA Type-Examination Certificate relates to the following product groups, which have been tested to the relevant standards or technical specifications and assessment of the related technical file. The product(s) have been found to conform to the essential health & safety requirements of the Regulation 2016/425 & The PPE (Enforcement) Regulations 2018 as they apply to Northern Ireland.	Certificate number	
Certificate issued date	Date of Issue: 01/04/2022 Date of Expiry: 31/03/2027	Certificate expiry	
Product Reference & description	Product Reference: AS Safety Spectacle Clear Lens – 300115 Smoke Lens – 300116 Standards/Technical Specifications Applied: EN 166:2002 Personal Eye Protection PPE Category II Protection against high-speed particles at extremes of temperature – Low Energy Impact Protection against optical radiation – ultraviolet filters – EN 170 (Clear, Smoke Oculars) Ocular Material – Polycarbonate Frame Material – Polycarbonate & TPR	Applicable standards	
Technical file and test references	Certification is based on technical file reference ASS50012 and associated test results as detailed on the following pages	CE & UKNI mark (optional)	CE UKNI
Signature/ name of Certifier	Signed on behalf of British Safety Industry Federation: <i>Roy Wilders</i> Roy Wilders	Address of Approved Body	Fourth Floor Offices, The Roberts Building, 48 Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP2 4SQ United Kingdom




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JUST BECAUSE IT FITS

Your ears may be covered but are you protected?



Our hearing is one of our most vital senses. That is why it's important to protect 11,000 cases of hearing problems caused or made worse by work during the period.

Damage to our hearing, caused by noise at work, can contribute to hearing loss and damage can be prevented by following the hierarchy of control which can include hearing protection.

Personal hearing protection is available in different formats including earmuffs and variety of styles; headband versions that can be worn over the head, neckband versions the neck or earmuffs that can be attached to head protection and or face protection.

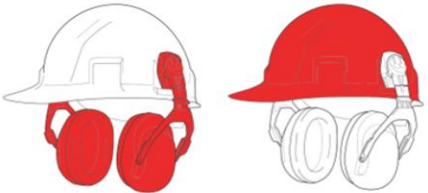
When considering using an earmuff attached to either head protection and or face needs to have undergone full testing and certification together, which is typically requirements of the harmonised European Standard and UK Designated Standard EN 149.

References:

*Labour Force Survey

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/causdis/deafness/index>

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Fit Testing:

When selected as a control measure, hearing protector performance is critical to help ensure individual protection. There has been an emergence of commercially available systems offering the capability to individually fit test hearing protectors, thereby assessing how much attenuation an individual user is actually receiving.

Hearing protection fit test systems either calculate a Personal Attenuation Rating (PAR) which is an estimate of the noise reduction obtained across test frequencies, in one, or both ears, expressed as a single number or shown as simple pass/fail with full attenuation characteristics. The time needed to conduct fit testing can range from a few seconds to 20 minutes dependent on test method.

Recognised Fit Testing methods can be found in the 'Hearing Protection fit Testing - An introductory Guide' published by the UK Hearing Conservation Association (UKHCA)



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CLEAN AIR? TAKE CARE!

Deciding how to approach breathing hazards at work - Do you need Respiratory Protection, and what types are available?



- Avoid your workforce suffering illness in future years that will affect them and their families, and lead to their early death
- Straightforward guidance on reducing hazards before you decide if respirators are necessary
- Develop a respiratory programme to keep business costs down. Understand clearly that good safety is good for business
- Follow the links for support on prevention, available options,



Download a useful workplace checklist and further copies of this guide.

A BSiF campaign on by HSE, TUC, and others.



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Cutting out knife injuries.

Identifying the hazards up front involving knife use is of paramount importance.



Plan and assess the risk for any work or project that involves cutting by eliminating dangerous fixed blades with safety knives, scissors or deburring tools. Correct planning/assessment could save you from life changing cut injuries or worse still!

- Being struck by a falling object or a cut from a hand knife accounts for over 10% of major injuries reported to HSE in the food and drink industries alone.
- Hand knife injuries typically account for between 25-40% of all lost time accidents in the plastics processing industry (HSE Practice Processors HSE & Latham Committee).
- 43,000 knife based reportable work place accidents in 2019*
- 55% of all workplace accidents involving manual tools were caused by knives†
- 40% damage on hand of the safety industry from the sale of the cut vertices accounted for

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Listen today, hear tomorrow...

Hearing protection is a last resort - tips on how to get the most from it

- Avoid your workforce suffering damage that will affect them and their families permanently for years to come
- Easy ways to identify noise levels that require action. See all the options
- Develop a sound safety programme to keep business costs down
- Apply proven technical and management noise control measures - use hearing protection only when noise is reduced to safe levels

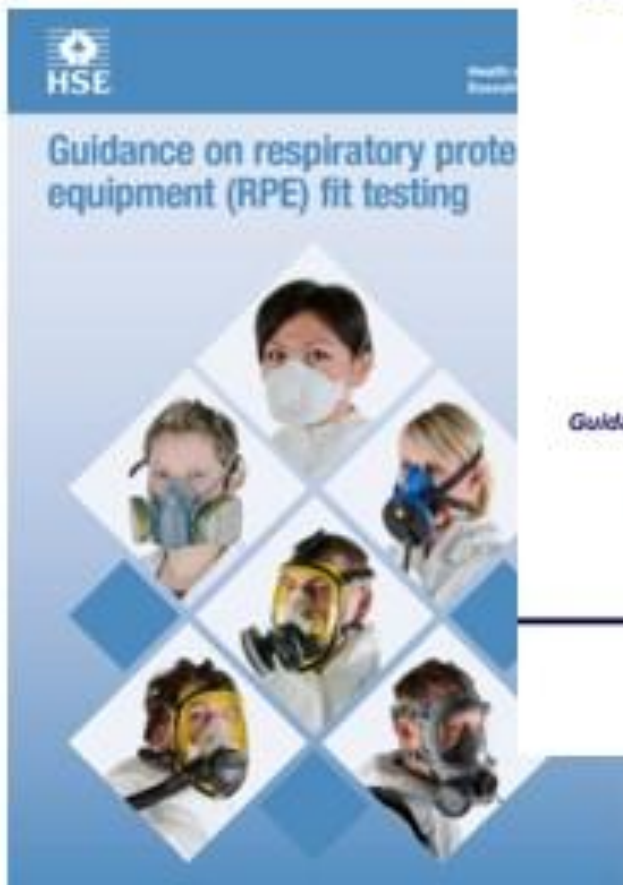


Download a useful workplace checklist and further copies of this guide.

HSE, TUC, IOSH, IOSM, IOM, Hearing Solutions

<https://www.bsif.co.uk/downloads-centre-2/>

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**TAKE THE RISK OUT OF PPE &
SAFETY PRODUCT PROCUREMENT
SPECIFY THE SHIELD**

Sourcing compliant PPE and safety equipment isn't always straightforward. Checking for the BSIF shield confirms your supplier is a Registered Safety Supplier and will help you find products that perform as promised.

CHECK

CHECK the supplier you are specifying is BSIF Registered. BSIF audited suppliers are compliant, competent and trustworthy. Don't settle for less.



SELECT

SELECT appropriate, certified and compliant products. Registered Safety Suppliers can support the product selection process through their competence, capability and knowledge.



PROTECT

PROTECT your workforce and your business. Registered Safety Suppliers go above and beyond, helping to keep your people safe and helping your business to thrive.



ANYONE CAN SELL SAFETY,
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BUY
SAFETY FROM JUST ANYONE.
ALWAYS SPECIFY THE SHIELD



Find a Registered Safety Supplier at:

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- Introducing **PPE Saves: Never compromise!** The campaign will elevate the role of PPE, reflecting its critical and often indispensable role and value in promoting workplace safety as well as highlighting the many additional benefits quality PPE can provide.



Thank you
for listening.

