

Toolbox Talk



**WATERWAY
RECOVERY
GROUP**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

HEAD PROTECTION

- Don't forget neck protection, e.g. scarves for use during welding
- Replace head protection if it is damaged
- Prevents against objects falling from height or you falling badly.

EYES

- Goggles need to be well fitting and comfortable
- They protect you against flying particles, dust and corrosive spray
- You can wear either goggles, glasses or a visor.

EARS/NOISE

- Deafness is irreversible.
- Use machinery that directs noise away from you
- Muffs are for intermittent use. Plugs are longer term. Remember to use clean hands when inserting plugs.

LUNGS

- Hazards: Oxygen-deficient atmospheres, dusts, gases and vapours
- The right type of respirator filter must be used as each is effective for only a limited range of substances

BODY, ARMS and LEGS

- Hi-viz clothing allows other on site to be aware of your presence.
- Long sleeved and legged clothing protects against dust, minor abrasions and sun.

HANDS

- Make sure the correct gloves are used for the relevant tasks.
- Avoid using gloves on some machines. They can get caught.
- Barrier creams are not a substitute.

FOOTWEAR

- Steel Toe capped boots or Wellies must be worn on site



Useful Links

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/Toolbox/ppe.htm>

SITE SAFETY RULES

- Safety Helmet Must Be Worn
- Eye Protection Must Be Worn
- Ear Defenders in Designated Areas
- Wear Gloves for Manual Handling Tasks
- Hi Visibility Clothing Must Be Worn
- Safety Boots Must Be Worn

No Children & Unauthorised Persons

All Drivers & Visitors Must Report To The Site Office

Key Facts/Important Info

- ✓ Correct PPE must be worn for the Hazard
- ✓ A comfortable fit. You will be wearing it all day so make sure its not uncomfortable.
- ✓ Clean and in good order
- ✓ PPE must be used as a last resort after managing the Risk.
- ✓ Always make sure your PPE has a CE label if necessary and is in date.
- ✓ REMEMBER....you should never allow exceptions for those 2 minute jobs.