

## Advice Note – Personal Protective Equipment



These Advice Notes have been prepared in order to share current good practice with respect to various construction activities

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is safety equipment which protects the wearer. It is the employer's responsibility to control risks by supplying appropriate PPE
  - PPE that is uncomfortable or not compatible is less likely to be used correctly. Factors such as movement, visibility, breathing, irritation and Health issues should all be taken into account
  - PPE is to be provided free of charge by the employer
  - An employer shall ensure that PPE is always maintained in good working order and in a hygienic condition by means of any



necessary storage, maintenance, repair or replacement. Record keeping is also particularly important

- Personnel should wear PPE whenever they are exposed to the risk. Exemptions are not allowed for those jobs which take “just a few minutes”
- Employees have a responsibility to use PPE properly and when required, check and report defects or damage to PPE immediately, participate in any PPE training and to inform their employer of any medical conditions which may be affected by the use of the PPE provided.

*For further information refer to Regulations 62 to 67 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007.*

See overleaf for examples...

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## Unsafe Practices



## Good Practices



**This document contains examples on good practice which are not compulsory but which you may find helpful in considering what you need to do.**

For further information on Health and Safety related issues go to [www.hsa.ie](http://www.hsa.ie)