

Under health and safety legislation in all jurisdictions, you have the obligation to provide a safe work environment and a safe system of work. This includes providing your workers with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

PPE is specialised clothing and equipment that workers use to minimise exposure to workplace hazards, thereby reducing the risk of illness or injury.

Workers must use PPE whenever they could be exposed to a workplace hazard that cannot be:

- eliminated, i.e. by completely removing the need for the worker to carry out the work; or
- reduced, i.e. by implementing higher order controls, such as engineering controls, or by adopting a different system of work to avoid the risk entirely.

It is an offence to fail to provide PPE if it is required to minimise risk.

This eBook will explain:

- the types of PPE available;
- when your workers should use PPE;
- your legal obligations to provide and maintain appropriate PPE; and
- the steps you should take to ensure you are meeting your obligation in relation to PPE.

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