

Good Practices

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needs to be provided to workers by the factory. The type of PPE needed varies depending on the nature of work being performed.

Good practices for the provision and use of PPE

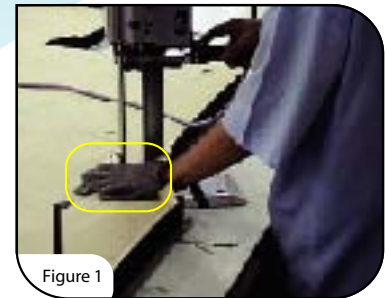
- Provide chain mail (metal mesh) gloves to workers using cutting equipment to protect them from finger injuries (Figure 1).
- Provide dust masks to workers (e.g. sewers) to protect them from breathing in chemical dust (Figure 2).
- Provide correct masks to workers using or exposed to chemical substances (Figure 3).
- Old or worn out PPE does not protect workers: Make sure that PPE is in good condition and always replace it once manufacturer's recommended period of use expires.

Benefits:

- ✓ Reduces risk of accident and illness
- ✓ Minimises future medical costs
- ✓ Safer working environment

How:

- ✓ Purchase the best available PPE, not the cheapest - good quality PPE lasts longer and protects better
- ✓ Provide training to demonstrate how to use PPE properly
- ✓ Provide on-going training to educate workers on their specific workplace risks and the benefits of using PPE in workplaces
- ✓ Ensure workers wear appropriate PPE whenever necessary



Cost:

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\$ Low cost

\$\$ Moderate cost

\$\$\$ High cost