



TOOLBOX TALK

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

What if you lost your hearing, a limb, or your eyesight? What would you miss out on? Listening to your favourite band, playing your favourite sport, hearing your child's first words, watching your footy team win the premiership?

Unfortunately, workers may still suffer from injuries which cause the loss of hearing, loss of sight or even loss of life due to workplace incidents.

Fortunately, however, more workplaces are now taking the steps necessary to reduce the chance of these types of injuries and others from occurring using various control measures (Hierarchy of Control).

Wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is just one way to reduce the risk of injury in the workplace, that is to be used to support other risk controls.

Non-slip footwear, high visibility vest or clothing, gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, hard hats, masks, sunscreen, and a broad brimmed hat are just a few examples of common PPE used at ServiceFM.

PPE that must be worn is shown on Safe Work Instructions, SWMS or JSA for each task, and you may also be required to wear PPE depending on your site. Required PPE for a task or site will be shown with images as below:



What are your PPE Requirements?

ServiceFM is committed to providing a healthy and safe workplace for all workers and aiming to ensure that all hazards and risks will be eliminated or minimised, as far as is reasonably practicable.

Therefore, it is a requirement that all workers MUST wear the required PPE for their role, task, or site.

Before use of PPE each time you should check that it is clean, correct size, in good working condition and fit for purpose (does the job it is meant to do).

Unless contaminated, disposable PPE can be disposed of with the general waste, preferably a closed bin. A closed bin is a bin with a fitted lid.

Where the PPE is contaminated, it should be disposed of in a closed bin, preferably one that does not need to be touched to place contaminated PPE inside. A bin with a foot pedal or other hands-free mechanism to open the lid would be appropriate.

What if PPE is not available?

If PPE is not available, lost, damaged or defective you should NOT start the task and contact your manager immediately.

REMEMBER: PPE is just one of the ways to make your role safer and should be used to support other hazard and risk controls in place.

It's such a simple choice!

Wear your PPE because it could save an incident, your fingers, your hearing, or even your life.

