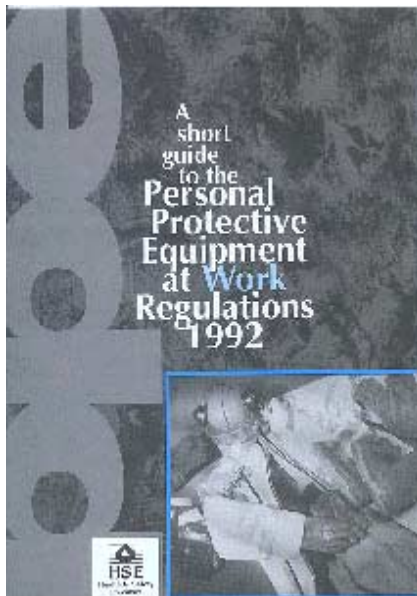


# Personal Protective Equipment



It is a requirement of the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 for employers to assess the need for personal protective equipment and ensure it is provided for employees who may be exposed to hazards, which cannot otherwise be eliminated. It must only be relied upon as a last resort after steps have been taken to reduce hazards at source.

**Personal Protective Equipment** must be suitable and appropriate for the risks which employees will be using it for, maintained in a clean and effective condition and replaced when necessary. Employers must also ensure that **Personal Protective Equipment** provided is used properly and suitable storage is made available, and information, instruction and training is provided for employees.

Employers shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that any personal protective equipment provided to employees is **properly used** and employees are encouraged to report any loss of or obvious defects in the equipment.

Further information is available from the guidance booklet (ref. No ISBN 011 045326 3) which can be obtained from any H.S.M.O. bookshop.