

ULTRA ACCESS Scaffolding Safety Alert

PPE minimums one should wear whilst conducting scaffold-related duties

For the most part, we have to wear PPE day in day out when conducting our works in a number of wider-sectors, like for instance; Construction.

The higher the risk the more PPE would have to be worn, and even though on the "Hierarchy of Risk Controls" PPE is a "last resort" option, its usually the only realistic option we are left with - especially if you find yourself on site doing the work and having to wear PPE, obviously...

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is a mandatory and LEGAL requirement when working on most projects, sites and within certain industries and sectors.

Theres usually 3 mandatory items of PPE - required on even the most safety-relaxed types of projects, or work - that being; a **Hard Hat**, (various) "**Hi-Viz**" **Clothing** and **Safety Footwear**.

With all 3 having specific rules and compliances to adhere to, to be classed as suitable under the current Health and Safety laws, defined more accurately within the "The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992" (and it's 2022 amendment).

Scaffolding is a high risk activity, even when carrying out the usually mundane process of loading / unloading materials from a lorry, truck, stillages, etc - or even just by physically transporting said materials around a project could be considered as more of a riskier activity than the avarge worker on site.

Although PPE is not always enforced (law or not), the proactive and smart approach would be to wear at a minimum of the 3 items mentioned above, with a 4th - a **Safety Harness** (with a suitable attachment, like a Lanyard) as soon as the scaffolding erecting, adapting and dismantling operations begin - with other PPE being task specific usually.

Better to be safe, than sorry...
... and LEGALLY correct...

Standard 3-items of PPE:



With additional (project / task specific) PPE being worn when required:



... amongst others types