Usage of Personal Protective Equipment and its Consequences

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Process at workplace

- Risk Assessment
- Selection of the methods to prevent accidents, to minimize risks
- Determining the types of protective equipment available for the present hazards
- Selecting appropriate protective equipment, purchase a variety of sizes
Before Conclusion to use PPE

- Identify and survey the hazards at workplace
- Assess the risks caused by those hazards
- Technical and Organisational methods to eliminate/control the hazards

Duty of employers, support of experts may be needed, employees to be involved
In general, employers are responsible for:

- Performing Risk Assessment
- Identifying and providing appropriate PPE for employees
- Training employees in the use and care of the PPE
- Maintaining PPE, including replacing worn or damaged PPE
- Periodically reviewing, updating and evaluating the effectiveness of the PPE program
In general, employees are responsible for:

- Proper wearing of PPE
- Attend training sessions on PPE
- Caring for, clean and maintain PPE
- Informing a supervisor of the need to repair or replace PPE
Selection of proper PPE

- Determining the types of protective equipment available for identified hazards
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the PPE
- Selecting appropriate protective equipment
- Providing a variety of sizes to properly fit all users
Employers could ask good service when selecting the PPE seller

- In addition to the PPE price, the employer could assess the level of service:
- Besides fulfilling the technical specifications a competent seller could
  - Further analyse the situation at workplace, define proper PPE, give advice for selection, maintenance and correct use
  - Support in motivation of workers
  - Monitor the result achieved by the provided PPE
Motivation of workers to use some PPE types is easy:

- Safety shoes, safety clothing, hand protection – the PPE must just be of good quality and fit for the user.

Some are more demanding:

- Use of respiratory protection, head protection, hearing protection, falling protection demand more motivation and control.
Topics to be monitored continuously at workplace

• Why use PPE? What about other preventive methods? Has the company management assessed and updated the situation?
• Only CE marked PPE at use?
• Are the PPE at use in good condition, safe, unbroken, clean?
• Workers motivated to use the PPE available?