
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Personal Protective Equipment at Work
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993**

Provision of personal protective equipment

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(1) Every employer shall ensure that suitable personal protective equipment is provided to his employees who may be exposed to a risk to their health or safety while at work except where and to the extent that such risk has been adequately controlled by other means which are equally or more effective.

(2) Every self-employed person shall ensure that he is provided with suitable personal protective equipment where he may be exposed to a risk to his health or safety while at work except where and to the extent that such risk has been adequately controlled by other means which are equally or more effective.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraphs (1) and (2), personal protective equipment shall not be suitable unless—

- (a) it is appropriate for the risk or risks involved and the conditions at the place where exposure to such risk or risks may occur;
- (b) it takes account of ergonomic requirements and the state of health of the person or persons who may wear it;
- (c) it is capable of fitting the wearer correctly, if necessary after adjustments within the range for which it is designed;
- (d) so far as is practicable, it is effective to prevent or adequately control the risk or risks involved without increasing overall risk; and
- (e) it complies with any statutory provision which implements in Northern Ireland any provision on design or manufacture with respect to health or safety in any relevant Community Directive listed in Schedule 1 which is applicable to that item of personal protective equipment.