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1. What does PPE stand for?

**Personal protective equipment**

Yes this is correct.

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2. What is the best way to manage health and safety risks at work?

**Eliminate the risk altogether**

Always aim to eliminate risks from the workplace. Where that's not possible, substitute or isolate the hazard. If you can't remove a hazard, control the risk by engineering or administrative means, or by Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

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3. PPE can be expensive. Is it ok for employers to ask me to cover the cost of my Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from my wages?

**No**

it is an offence for an employer to charge an employee for any safety equipment.

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4. What must employers do for workers required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on the job?

**provide training and supervision.**

Employers must make sure that each person using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is provided with appropriate training and supervision.

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If you answered correctly give yourself \$50, if you were incorrect you get \$0.

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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5. If there is a problem with my PPE I should report it my employer?

False

Employers must ensure that equipment is properly maintained, repaired and provided in a clean and hygienic condition. However, you must not interfere with, mistreat or misuse anything that is provided in the interest of your health and safety. If Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is broken or damaged you must tell your employer.

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6. Some of my work mates think that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is a waste of time, and the boss doesn't seem too strict about it. What should I do?

Discuss with the boss their legal obligations and the importance of PPE. Suggest a WorkCover advisory visit.

Your first step is to discuss your concerns with your manager or supervisor. Sometimes attitudes to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can be long-standing and it's not always easy to get people to change their minds. A free visit from a WorkCover business advisory officer can help.

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7. A worker can refuse to wear or use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and there is nothing the boss can do about it.

False

An employer should have a written policy and provide training in the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and what happens if a worker continually refuses to comply. This can include disciplinary action or termination. Furthermore, both the employer and the worker can be fined or prosecuted if PPE is not used appropriately.

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8. If the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) I'm told to wear is uncomfortable, I can alter it to make it more comfortable or not wear it.

False

If your employer requires you to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) then you must wear it. Altering the PPE may reduce its effectiveness and put your health and safety at risk. However, if your PPE does not fit properly then it may not provide adequate protection – tell your employer, who may need to consider alternatives.

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