

LAST LINE. NOT FIRST.

PPE: the last line of defence. Control the hazard first, then wear the kit right.

4 controls rank above PPE: eliminate, substitute, engineer, administer. Ask for them first.



1 **CONTROL THE HAZARD FIRST**
PPE protects one person, once. Fixing the hazard protects everyone, every time.

2 **RIGHT PPE FOR THE TASK**
The risk assessment says what you need: hard hat, eye, hearing, hand, foot, respiratory, fall protection. No guessing.

3 **FIT AND WEAR IT CORRECTLY**
A respirator with a beard leaks. A hard hat on backwards fails. Goggles on your forehead protect nothing.

4 **INSPECT BEFORE USE**
Cracks, cuts, worn soles, expired cartridges, frayed webbing. Damaged PPE is replaced, not repaired.

5 **CLEAN, MAINTAIN, STORE**
Keep it clean and dry, away from sunlight, chemicals and the back of the bakkie.

6 **REPLACE IT**
Hard hats and harnesses have expiry dates. Anything that has taken an impact is finished.

**PPE is the last line of defence.
Make sure there is a first.**

FIX THE
HAZARD

WEAR IT
RIGHT

REPLACE
WHEN WORN

OHS Act section 8(2)(a) and General Safety Regulations reg 2: the employer must reduce the hazard first and, where that is not practicable, provide suitable PPE free of charge and ensure it is used. Section 14: every employee must use it as instructed.

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