



Personal Protective Equipment Compliance

Comprehensive range of training and
maintenance programmes for PPE

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What if...

...you don't keep up with the complex and changeable risk compliance legislation or you need to upgrade your Health and Safety training? Make the wrong choice and you could find yourself on the wrong side of the law.

All the help you need with safety risk management and training, from a single "expert" source

Arco has been at the forefront of the UK safety business for over a century and has earned the respect and confidence of many people for its knowledge and expertise. Working in partnership with some of today's leading Health and Safety training organisations, Arco now offer an unrivalled range of safety risk management and training services.

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Personal Protective Equipment must be selected, used and maintained in strict compliance with the law

No matter what the size of your company or organisation, if any of the jobs carried out by your workforce puts them at individual risk, then you as the employer have a basic duty to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as required by the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 (as amended).

What is PPE?

PPE is defined in the regulations as 'all the equipment which is intended to be used (including clothing that is designed to protect against the weather) or held by an individual at work and which protects that individual from one or more health & safety risks'.

This equipment includes protection for the eyes, head, hands and arms, body, feet, legs and breathing. Example equipment includes safety helmets, gloves, goggles and safety spectacles, high-visibility clothing, safety footwear and safety harnesses. Please also note that other regulations cover hearing and respiratory protective equipment as well as the equipment used for working at height.

What the law says

The main requirement of the PPE at Work Regulations 1992 is that personal protective equipment is to be supplied and used at work wherever there are risks to health and safety that cannot be adequately controlled in other ways.

- The type of PPE must be properly assessed before it is used to ensure it is suitable.
- All PPE must be maintained and stored properly to ensure it remains in good condition.
- All PPE must be supplied to the user with instructions on how to use it safely.
- All PPE is used correctly by employees.
- All PPE must be compatible.

Personal Protective Equipment Compliance

Arco offer a comprehensive Personal Protective Equipment service

From help with choosing the right hard hat to maintaining your respiratory equipment, Arco offer a one stop service when it comes to you meeting your responsibilities under the 1992 regulations.

Arco PPE Solutions	Protection	Service	Contact
	Protecting Eyes Safety spectacles, goggles, face shields, visors	Advice on the right choice of products from the Arco range	Your local Arco branch for the selection of products
	Protecting the Head Helmets and bump caps	Advice on the right choice of products from the Arco range	Your local Arco branch for the selection of products
	Hearing Protection Ear plus and ear defenders	Advice on the right choice of products from the Arco range. Noise measuring and Control Service	Your local Arco branch for the selection of products or Your SRMS team for details of our comprehensive consultancy service
	Working at Height Conventional or limited life coveralls, workwear, weather protective clothing, specialist protective clothing, high visibility clothing	Advice on the right choice of model from the Arco range Servicing (Life Jackets, Fall Arrest Equipment and lanyards) Training (Fall Arrest, see our Working at Height leaflets)	Your local Arco branch for the selection of products or Your SRMS team for training and maintenance of the selected products
	Respiratory Protection Disposable filtering facemasks or respirator half and full-face respirators, air-fed helmets and breathing apparatus	Advice, Training, Maintenance, Face Fit Training, Air Purity, Gas Detection Service	Your local Arco branch for the selection of products or Your SRMS team for details of our comprehensive consultancy service or Your SRMS team for training and maintenance of the selected products
	Hand and Arm Protection Gloves, gauntlets, mitts, wrist and arm protectors	Advice on the right choice of products from the Arco range	Your local Arco branch for the selection of products
	Leg and Foot Protection Safety boots and shoes, wellingtons, specialist coveralls	Advice on the right choice of products from the Arco range	Your local Arco branch for the selection of products

Meeting your responsibilities for the training of employees and the maintenance, examination and testing of respiratory equipment.

If your employees have to wear respiratory equipment (other than disposable masks) then you have a duty under the PPE at work regulations to ensure that the user is trained to use the equipment safely. As lives could depend on the equipment operating correctly you are also required by CoSHH regulation 9 to ensure it is clean and in good working order at all times.

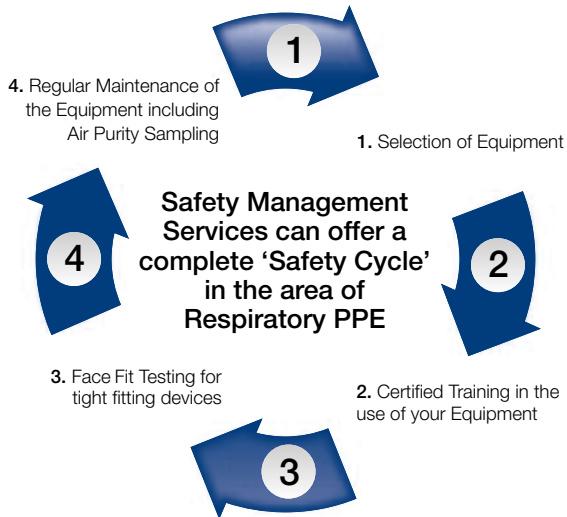
What the law says

CoSHH Regulation 9 Maintenance, examination and test of control measures

1. Every employer who provides any control measures to meet the requirements of regulation 7 shall ensure that it is maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair and, in the case of personal protective equipment, in a clean condition.
2. Where respiratory equipment (other than disposable respiratory protective equipment) is provided to meet the requirements of regulation 7, the employer shall ensure that at suitable intervals thorough examinations and, where appropriate, tests of that equipment are carried out.
3. Every employer shall keep a suitable record of the examinations and tests carried out in pursuance of paragraphs 2) and 3) and any repairs carried out as a result of those examinations and tests, and that record or a suitable summary thereof shall be kept available for at least 5 years from the date on which it was made.

Arco offer the complete respiratory service

Arco Safety Management Services, have over 30 years experience in maintaining, training and assisting customers with the selection of Respiratory Protective Devices (RPD's – formerly RPE). With a team of over 16 qualified personnel across the UK we provide an unrivalled service.



1. Safety Management Services provide assistance in the selection of RPD's. The correct selection of the equipment is the first step in the cycle.
2. Once the equipment is selected, in order to comply with both the PPE Regs. 1992, and CoSHH Regulations 2002, that training is provided. With greater emphasis now being placed on employers to document and provide evidence of such training. The SMS certified training is recognised throughout the industry.
3. Once training is completed, maintenance and storage of the equipment HSG28; Guidance for Face Fit Testing requires that all tight fitting RPD's be tested. This ensures that the mask the employee is using protects as intended.
4. Once the correct piece of equipment has been selected, the employee knows how to use the equipment and the mask fits, the final element is to ensure that the mask is maintained and stored correctly. Our qualified advisors can provide a documented system to ensure the equipment will ALWAYS be ready to be used at all times.



Respiratory Protective Device Training Solutions

The Arco Safety Management Services Team offers your business a selection of specialist courses that will ensure you and your employees conform with Personal Protection Equipment & Respiratory Protective Equipment legislation.

Breathing Apparatus Training

Syllabus

- Introduction
- Why respiratory protection is necessary
- What could happen if respiratory protection is not used
- Introduction of manufacturer - SABRE
- Introduction of - CONTOUR/ CENTURION / CENPAQ
- Complete set description
- Cylinder duration and whistle warning settings
- Facemask fitting
- Facemask and cylinder connection
- Monthly inspection
- Entry into working area and safety clothing needed

Positive/Negative Pressure RPD Training

Any employee provided with PPE must be offered training by a competent person.

As each situation is different our training team offer a comprehensive bespoke course in the use of respiratory protective devices which satisfies the 1992 PPE directive.

There are many other courses available that relate to the respiratory products within our catalogue range. Please contact the Arco SRMS Team further course details.



RPD Maintenance

CoSHH Regulation 9 stipulates a minimum monthly examination on all non-disposable Respiratory Protection Equipment (RPE).

Arco Safety Management Services has the largest team of mobile RPD inspection and maintenance personnel in the UK. They carry out more than 2,500 inspections each year and will visit your premises to do essential on-site work.

Arco Safety Management Services has a fully equipped workshop dedicated to inspection and maintenance of most types of respiratory equipment.

The workshop is staffed by fully qualified personnel and is registered to ISO9002-2000 to operate maintenance programmes, fit spare parts where required, assist with record keeping and give detailed inspection reports to meet the CoSHH Regulations.

Safety Management Services compliance solutions, offers your business a selection of products that will ensure you act in accordance with the latest legislation that applies to your industry.

Face Fit Testing

The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health

The performance of RPD with a tight-fitting facepiece (filtering facepieces, half and full face masks) depends on a good contact between the wearer's skin and the face seal of the mask. A good face seal can only be achieved if the wearer is clean shaven in the region of the seal and the facepiece is of the correct size and shape to fit the wearer's face. If spectacles with side arms and other PPE are also worn, they should not interfere with the correct fitting of the facepiece, eg visors, helmets, hoods etc.

Arco Safety Management Services have the largest mobile team of qualified face fit testers, who can test on the full range of RPD's. Our nationwide service has carried out over 50,000 face fit tests.

Testing is carried out on your site and fees vary depending on number of tests required.

Face Fit Testing Equipment Training

In addition to the basic face fit testing Arco Safety Management Services are also independently approved trainers for the TSI Quantitative Face Fit Testing Equipment.

The syllabus includes practices for the use of face fit testing equipment, in accordance with the latest legislation and also includes the training of personnel to carry out quantitative face fit testing along with the principles of half mask, filter and disposable respirators.

Air Purity Testing

BS EN 12021:1998

Clauses 6.1 and 7.2.2 discuss the setting of maximum acceptable contaminant concentrations in the face piece. Since there is some expected inward leakage of contaminants from the surrounding atmosphere, it is necessary to consider the effect of any contaminant already present in the supplied air. For example, some (in particular methylene chloride, cyanides, hydrogen sulfide and aromatic amines) are liable to have additive effects with any carbon monoxide in the supplied air.

The Health & Safety Executive Guidance Note EH40/96 (3) should be consulted for calculating exposure limits of mixtures. The person assessing the job should take into account the nature of the foreseeable concentrations in the atmosphere, and whether any contaminants can interact with foreseeable contaminants in the breathing air, and adjust the APF downward accordingly.

Our team of advisors are qualified to provide the full range of monthly FTIR Air Purity analysis tests and certification for airline fed RPD's as required by the above CoSHH Regulation 9 and this ensures clean, breathable air is available for all users at all times.

Life Jacket Maintenance

Our workshop personnel are qualified to carry out maintenance on the range of life jackets Arco sell.

Offshore Life Jackets - Under Maritime Law (The Solas Regulations) it is mandatory to have your life jacket serviced every 12 months by an authorised service station. Our servicing fully complies with S.O.L.A. 1983 and S.O.L.A.S. 1998 amendments E.U.M.E.D. (Ship's Wheels) approved.

Commercial Life Jackets - Whilst not covered by the above regulations, we recommend that you comply with S.O.L.A.S. Regulations which state you must follow the 'Manufacturers Recommendations'. In the case of our supplier, the appliances should be serviced every 24 months whilst the 'Auto Recharge Kit' MUST be replaced every 12 months or after inflation - whichever is the shorter.





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Protecting you and your staff from exposure to hazardous substances



Good Health & Safety Practice Starts in the Boardroom
Occupational health, safety and wellbeing programmes developed for the directors and management of larger enterprises



Working at Height
Training and maintenance programmes to keep people safe who work at height



Professional Health, Safety and Environmental Qualifications



Workplace Fire Safety
Fire risk consultancy
Fire safety training
Fire extinguisher advice & maintenance



First Aid
Compliance & emergency aid training programmes



Health and Safety Risk Management Protection for Small and Medium Sized Business
Affordable 24/7 support for a fixed monthly fee

