

HSE Bulletin (Ref.:25 in 2013)

Hooded Clothing and Woolly hats

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Background

It has been observed that, with the weather changing operatives are wearing hooded clothing (*hoodies*) or woolly hats under their safety helmets.

Hoodies and woolly hats can interfere with the suspension system of a safety helmet, affecting the level of protection it offers you as it will not fit correctly.

Woolly hats or hoodies can also impair your vision and hearing on work sites affecting your safety. As a result these items are **prohibited** when working on LU Infrastructure.



LEAVE THEM AT HOME

Instruction

All persons working on LU infrastructure are reminded **not** to wear any garment of clothing that may impede their vision or hearing; this is a contractual requirement in accordance with QUENSH 14 (section 14.6).

Items designed to be specifically compatible with other PPE which do not affect an individual's vision or hearing are available and where required will be identified in your risk assessment.

Please communicate this alert to your teams, projects and suppliers as appropriate

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