

## **Safety & Health Circular No. 06/2010**

### **Guidance Notes on Personal Protective Clothing**

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Protective clothing is a type of 'personal protective equipment'. In addition to being used as working clothes or a uniform, it can also help protect workers against injuries caused by hazards ranging from extreme temperatures and adverse weather conditions to chemicals, fire, object strikes and radiation.

Both employers and employees are responsible for ensuring the proper use of protective clothing. Employers should provide appropriate clothing and equipment, together with relevant usage instructions, training and supervision, while employees should cooperate with their employers by reading instructions, undergoing training and making use of personal protective equipment whenever appropriate.

The Labour Department has issued a leaflet: *Safety at Work—Personal Protective Clothing* providing practical guidelines on the selection and maintenance of protective clothing. The guide includes:

- Guidance on the different types and appropriate usage of protective clothing
- Tips for selecting protective clothing
- Maintenance of protective clothing

The Guidance Notes can be downloaded at:

<http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/os/D/PPE.pdf>

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