

Department of Physics Local rules on the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

The Department of Physics has many risks in the work we do and in the areas which we work. Risk assessments are carried out to determine control measures that are required to minimise risk. These may include the requirement to use PPE. The University policy is that PPE should be considered as the last resort for the control of risk but is mandatory for certain tasks or in certain locations.

We all have a responsibility for our safety. Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that staff, visitors, and students under their supervision are provided with appropriate PPE and use the PPE as prescribed by local rules, risk assessments and this document.

This document states the minimum PPE requirements for common tasks and areas in the department. The minimum requirements may be supplemented by the relevant risk assessment. Always follow the guidance offered in the risk assessment. If you have any questions, ask your supervisor.

	British standard	Laser Labs	Mechanical Workshops	Carpenters Workshop	Electrical Work	Movement and connection of compressed gas	Liquid cryogen transfer	Bio-Physics Labs	Chemistry Labs
Eye protection appropriate to wavelengths in use and at times identified in the risk assessment.	BS EN 207 or 208								
Impact resistant eye protection.	BS EN 166								
Eye protection.	BS EN 167								
Safety footwear.	BS EN 345								
Long trousers.									
Insulated Tools.									
Gloves with good grip.									
Cryo-gloves.	BS EN 511								
Lab Coat.									
Sensible footwear covering the feet (i.e. no sandals or open toed footwear).									

Further information on PPE may be found in [University Policy Statements S3/02 and S8/10](#).

Remember to always follow any requirements identified in a risk assessment!

Spot checks will be carried out. Your PPE is there to protect you from serious injury.

All members of staff have a legal duty to exercise care in preventing injury to themselves and others. Therefore, any breach of these rules is potentially misconduct and as such may lead to disciplinary action being taken.