

PPE INSPECTION COMPETENT PERSON

Goal:

To equip personnel with the knowledge and skills to inspect a broad variety of PPE, make an informed judgment of its condition and record findings.

Target group:

Any personnel required to inspect a broad range of PPE relating to work at height, including: Textiles (harnesses, lanyards, slings, rope, energy absorbers), Hardware (connectors, devices, pulleys, wire strops) and helmets. Bespoke variants of this course can be delivered for organisations requiring inspection of limited or specific items. Contact us for details.

Highlights:

- Develops essential skills in PPE inspection, damage identification, and safety assessment.
- Covers legal and regulatory compliance for PPE in work at height applications.
- Hands-on training with extensive practical examination of diverse PPE items.

Description

This course equips students with the knowledge and skills to conduct pre-use and routine PPE inspections of non-complex work at height PPE and equipment. Non-complex includes items that do not require specific servicing procedures. Common Work at Height PPE would be included, such as: Harnesses, helmets, carabiners, wire strops, textile slings, ropes, energy absorbers, lanyards, and simple devices. Items not covered would include complex equipment with service intervals and replaceable parts such as winches, constant rate descenders and powered ascenders. There is an expectation stated in the Work at Height regs that to be a 'competent person' for PPE inspections, the user must be familiar with the equipment. This training ensures attendees are aware of their legal responsibilities, basic usage of the PPE, inspection frequency, methods of inspection, fault types and means of storage quarantine and disposal of good and defective PPE. The PPE inspected on this course will be chosen for its relevance to the attendees needs. Attendees are assessed in their ability to distinguish between good and faulty equipment.

Compliance:

BS 8437:2022 Section 13, WAHSA (Work at Height Safety Association), PPE Regs, LOLER, PUWER, Work at Height Regs

Previous knowledge:

Familiarity with the PPE expected to conduct inspections of

Requirements:

Age 18+

Progression:


Recertification is recommended every 2 years by means of re-attending this 1 day course.

Theoretical elements:

- This course is classroom based involving presentations followed by extensive hands on inspection of equipment.
- Presentation materials covers the legal responsibilities.

Practical elements:

- The course is predominantly practical, involving getting hands on experience of inspecting numerous items of PPE.
- Course culminates with an assessment where attendees must inspect a number of items and correctly record their findings.



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Course length

8 hours (1 day)



Instructor

1:12



Period of validity

3 years



Certification

Outreach Rescue Certificate of Achievement



Venue

Outreach Rescue, Tan-y-Bwlch Centre,
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