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SAFETY BRIEF – KEEPING YOUR HEAD WARM

Last Week Carillion issued the following Safety Alert:

Due to the cold weather, it may be necessary to wear head gear underneath your hard hat to keep warm, the following 2 ways are often seen on site:



Baseball caps, bandanas, hoodies, woolly hats or any other headwear is not permitted underneath your hard hat when working on Carillion sites. This method not only causes problems with the fit of the safety helmet, which can reduce the effectiveness of your head protection, it can severely affect the hearing of the individual.

Obstruction of your hearing can put you at risk from being unaware of site hazards to which noise gives you a warning, such as warnings of train movements or the noise generated by an unexpected event close by which may cause you to react in an appropriate manner.

Balaclavas permitted for use on Network Rail Infrastructure are constructed of a Thinsulate material with a mesh over the ears to prevent the wearer's hearing from being impaired.

You can either choose to purchase these yourself if you feel you need one or alternatively ring Jitka at Wokingham office to place your order at a price of £12.25 which will be deducted from your wages when you have received the garment. The cost of this is being passed on as the balaclava is not strictly PPE and is additional protection based on the individual's choice.

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