



SHEQ Information No 23

Wearing of Hoods

Background

With winter and colder weather approaching the wearing of hooded sweaters ('hoodies') may seem like a good idea to combat the cold. However their use by Colas Rail staff or Colas Rail subcontractors as work wear whilst working on track or in worksite environments is prohibited.

Not Allowed!



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Key Points

The reason for the ban is that hoods:

- Have the potential to restrict side vision.
- Cover ears and reduce hearing efficiency
- Can reduce the adhesion / security of the hard hat (E.g. when bending over)

Actions Required

- Managers / supervisors are to ensure that these arrangements are briefed and adhered to.
- Briefing material including site inductions should be checked to ensure that this restriction is included.

Brief to:	
No brief required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Next Team Brief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Immediate Brief	<input type="checkbox"/>
All Colas Rail employees	<input type="checkbox"/>
All PTS Holders	<input type="checkbox"/>
Managers Only	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disciplines Affected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sub –Contractors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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