



SHEQ Information No 23a

Wearing of Hoods (Wearing approved headwear)

Background

This information is an update to SHEQ Information 23 (Wearing of hoods). During low temperatures the wearing of hoods, woolly hats/caps and other non-approved headwear is prohibited to all Colas Rail staff or Colas Rail sub-contractors whilst working on track or in worksite environments.

However, approved balaclavas, designed to ensure the hard hat fits properly without falling off are designed to cover the ears, whilst not blocking out sound - as can be seen on the photo on the right below.

Not Allowed



Allowed



Key points

Only balaclavas specifically designed as described can be worn. Colas Rail staff can order the approved balaclava by using the PPE order form. Subcontractors should arrange this with their own companies.

Actions required

All managers, supervisors and COSS's are required to ensure compliance with this practice on all Colas Rail sites with immediate effect.

It is vital that all staff and operatives (Colas Rail, suppliers and sub-contractors) working on Colas Rail sites are briefed on this requirement and that only approved balaclavas are worn.

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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"/>