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Use of 'Hoodies'

As the weather gets colder, we must consider our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) arrangements. This alert is to highlight the hazards associated with wearing conventional 'hoodies' under safety hard hats and to outline the considerations when selecting thermal headwear.



When worn as per the above left photograph, these garments can:

- Restrict your vision particularly peripheral vision
- Limit your ability to hear warnings or oncoming plant
- Can compromise the performance of other PPE (e.g. hard hat, safety eyewear)



Where required, a purpose made balaclava should be worn. When selecting these, consider the following:

- Size and fit for the user
- Thermal properties
- Compatibility with other PPE
- Perforated area for ears
- Fire retardant properties
- Reflective properties