



PPE Policy

All Saints' Church, Walsoken

Please refer to Church document H&S_Doc_001 for all General Health & Safety requirements

Specific Policy

This Health & Safety (H&S) sub-policy controls Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at church.

There is no routine use of PPE for the congregation or visitors at All Saints' Church, Walsoken. There are instances where some of the congregation may choose to wear PPE for some cleaning tasks, but the domestic cleaning products used do not require it. Some safety gloves may be worn for food preparation but in strict terms this is not PPE. Some work in the belfry will require PPE

Reference Documents

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at Work Regulations 2022.

Procedure

Congregation or Volunteers

The church must remove, reduce, substitute or have engineering/administrative controls in place to reduce risk from activities that may require PPE. Even with other controls in place PPE may then be needed to reduce the risk of injury from:

- 1) Breathing in dust, mist, gas or fume (not routinely applicable at church).
- 2) Falling materials hitting people (not routinely applicable at church).
- 3) Flying particles or splashes of corrosive liquids getting into people's eyes (not routinely applicable at church).
- 4) Skin contacts with corrosive materials (not routinely applicable at church).
- 5) Excessive noise (only at the church belfry with the doors open).
- 6) Extremes of heat or cold (not routinely applicable at church).

The sound levels on the ringing platform, when the bells are normally rung, is under any action limits for noise control or PPE. When in the belfry the peak sound levels exceed 136dB when the bells are ringing. This means that ear protection must be worn. Ear protection can be of a basic type but must carry an ISO or BS community mark.

Usually, the door to the belfry is shut which is an engineering control to reduce sound levels.

Note: It is very unlikely that this ringing situation occurs.

Contractors

When All Saints' Church, Walsoken employs contractors for works at the church the contractors must follow their own company's risk assessment processes that require the use of PPE.

Forms

None

Diagrams

None

Appendices

None

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