

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be checked and maintained regularly, and the frequency depends on a number of factors:

Hazards

The hazards present in the workplace determine how often PPE needs to be inspected.

Use

PPE that is used frequently or in harsh conditions may need to be inspected more often.

Category

The PSA-BV classifies PPE components into categories I to III, with category I being the highest and intended to protect against lethal hazards. PPE in category I needs to be inspected more thoroughly and maintained regularly.

• Manufacturer's specifications

The manufacturer's specifications for the PPE may also indicate how often it needs to be inspected.

Here are some general guidelines for how often PPE should be checked and maintained:

- Before each use: PPE should be visually examined by the user before each
 use.
- Regular intervals: PPE should be inspected at regular intervals throughout the working day.
- After incidents: PPE should be inspected after any incident or exposure to hazardous substances.
- After cleaning: PPE should be carefully checked after cleaning.
- Annual inspection: Most PPE products should be inspected at least once a year by a competent professional.

PPE should also be maintained and replaced in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. For example, bodysuits should be replaced when there are tears or other damage.



Yours Faithfully.