

2.3 REQUIREMENTS

PPE must comply with Legislative Decree 475 of 4 December 1992 (see Appendix 3 “Legislative Decree 475/92”) as amended (see Appendix 4 “Legislative Decree 10 of 2 January 1997”).

PPE cannot be put on the market and into use unless it meets essential safety requirements, which are divided into:

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL TYPES OF PPE:

- Be appropriate for the risks to be prevented, without increasing overall risk (see 2.3.2 “Harmlessness of PPE”);
- Be appropriate for the workplace conditions (see 2.3.1 “Design principles”);
- Take account of ergonomic requirements and the worker’s state of health and be able to be adjusted to fit the user as required (see 2.3.3 “Comfort and effectiveness factors”);
- Come with instructions (see 2.4.3 “Manufacturer’s instructions”).

2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OR TYPES OF PPE (see Appendix 3 “Legislative Decree 475/92, point 2”)

3. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE RISKS TO BE PREVENTED (see Appendix 3 “Legislative Decree 475/92, point 3”)

2.4 SELECTION

PPE must be:

- Adequate for the risks identified in the assessment, (see 2.4.1 “Indicative diagram for the risk inventory”) from which it can be seen that these risks cannot be avoided by other means;
- Selected based on information and rules for use (see 2.4.2 “UNI standards - General context”) provided by the manufacturer with the PPE, based on:
 - Size of the risk,
 - Frequency of exposure to the risk, where “size” is qualitative as well as quantitative,
 - Characteristics of each worker’s workstation,
 - Properties of the PPE.

It must also:

- Have CE marking.** Components without CE marking can be put on the market only if they are intended to be incorporated in other protective equipment and provided that such components are neither essential or vital to how the PPE works.

PPE without CE marking can be presented at fairs, exhibitions, demonstrations or similar public events provided that there is a sign clearly indicating that it is non-compliant and that it cannot be bought until it has been made compliant by the manufacturer or its representative established in the EU. Adequate safety measures must be taken to ensure personal protection during demonstrations.