

Workplace safety

Student worksheet

PPE and staying safe

For some jobs you need to wear **Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)** in order to do the job safely. PPE can include things like safety glasses, gloves and hardhats.

1. Find PPE

Look at the job title on the left. Use the internet to find out one piece of PPE that you need to wear in order to do the job safely. Write it down in the space provided.

Job title	PPE equipment
Builder	
Motor mechanic	
Dentist	
Laboratory technician	
Gardener	
Scaffolder	
Chef	
Vehicle painter	

2. Equipment comfort

Are there any items of PPE that you think you would not be comfortable wearing?
Discuss with your partner and write them down in the box below.
When you next meet with your transition planning team you can show them this list.



Staying safe at work

Situation

Read the following fictional scenario quietly to yourself.

Sally is a year-10 student on work experience at a science laboratory. Sally thinks she wants to study science in Year 11 and 12 and has long dreamed of being a forensic scientist.

Before she starts her work experience she visits the workplace to pick up her uniform. She also gets training in how to stay safe in the laboratory and the PPE that she needs to wear. Sally is the first student ever to go to this science laboratory on work experience.

On her first day she meets Josh who has been told to be her workplace mentor. Over the course of the week Josh starts making 'jokes' about Sally which make her feel really uncomfortable. When she asks him to stop he doesn't and just says: "It's just a bit of fun".

Discussion

What should Sally do?

Discuss this question in pairs.

Describe thoughts and feelings

Sally is described as feeling 'uncomfortable'.

Describe some thoughts and feelings that she might be having which 'tell' her that she is feeling uncomfortable. Now, write your response in the box provided below.

Next time you have a transition planning meeting take time to discuss how **YOU** experience feelings of discomfort and what you can do if you feel this on your work experience.

