



Subject: Foot Protection

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Two main causes of foot injuries are:-

- Treading on sharp objects, such as nails, which pierce the soles of the foot.
- Objects dropping causing crush injuries.

Both types of injury can be minimised by the use of proper safety footwear.

Under the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992, your employer must provide you with protective footwear, where you are exposed to the risk of foot injury but it is YOUR responsibility to wear it.

If you are self-employed you must provide your own safety footwear.

Safety boots, shoes and trainers are available which have steel toe caps. Some also have spring steel plates in their soles. Safety footwear of this type, made of leather or rubber, should always be worn on construction sites.

Totally unsuitable footwear, such as trainers, or sandals, which offer no protection are not permitted on construction sites.

