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| Head Protection | BS EN BS EN 397:2025 | Industrial safety helmets - design, performance, tests and marking. | 30 Apr 2025 |
| Eye Protection | BS EN ISO 16321-1:2022 + A1:2025 | Occupational eye/face protection - general requirements (replaces EN 166). | 31 May 2022 (base), 31 Mar 2025 (A1) |
| Hearing Protection | BS EN 352-1:2020 | Hearing protectors - earmuffs (use BS EN 352-2:2020 + A1:2024 for earplugs, if supplied). | 31 May 2020 (base), 29 Feb 2024 (A1 for Part 2 earplugs) |
| Respiratory Protection | BS EN 149:2001 + A1:2009 (+AC:2019) | Filtering half-masks (FFP1/2/3) - requirements, testing, marking. | 15 Jun 2001 (base), 31 Jul 2009 (A1), 31 Oct 2019 (AC) |
| Hand Protection | BS EN 388:2016 + A1:2018 | Gloves/arm guards for mechanical risks (abrasion, cut, tear, puncture, impact). Use alongside BS EN ISO 21420:2020 + A1:2024 (general glove requirements). | 30 Nov 2016 (base), 31 Jan 2019 (A1) |
| Body Protection (General) | BS EN ISO 13688:2013 + A1:2021 | Protective clothing — general requirements (ergonomics, innocuousness, sizing, marking). | 31 Oct 2013 (base), 31 May 2022 (A1) |
| High-Visibility Clothing | BS EN ISO 20471:2013 + A1:2016 | High-visibility garments for high-risk professional use — test methods and requirements. | 30 Apr 2013 (base), 31 Oct 2016 (A1) |
| Safety Vests | BS EN ISO 20471:2013 + A1:2016 (replaces EN 471) | Hi-vis vests/jackets covering the upper torso within the 20471 framework. | 30 Apr 2013 (base), 31 Oct 2016 (A1) |
| Flame-Resistant Clothing | BS EN ISO 11612:2015 | Clothing to protect against heat and flame; minimum performance requirements | 31 Jul 2015 |
| Anti-Static Clothing | BS EN 1149-5:2018 | Electrostatic properties — material performance & design requirements (as part of an earthed system) | 30 Sep 2018 |

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| Chemical Protective Clothing | BS EN 14605:2005 + A1:2009 | Liquid chemical protection — Type 3 (liquid-tight) and Type 4 (spray-tight), incl. partial body PB[3]/PB[4]. | 11 Apr 2005 (base), 30 Apr 2009 (A1) |
| Cold-Protective Clothing | BS EN 342:2017+A1:2019 | Ensembles/garments for protection against cold ($\leq -15^{\circ}\text{C}$); insulation, air permeability, water resistance. | 31 Dec 2017 (base), 31 Jul 2019 (A1) |
| Cut-Resistant Clothing | BS EN 388: 2016+A1:2018 | Hands/arms: mechanical-risk cut protection. For garments (e.g., chainsaw legwear), use BS EN ISO 11393 series (e.g., 11393-2:2019) | 30 Nov 2016 (base), 31 Jan 2019 (A1) |
| Electric Arc-Protective Clothing | BS EN 61482-2:2020 | Arc-flash protective clothing — product requirements. Test methods: BS EN IEC 61482-1-1:2019 (open arc; ELIM/ATPV/EBT) and BS EN 61482-1-2:2014 (box test). | 31 May 2020 (-2), 30 Sep 2019 (-1-1), 31 Jan 2015 (-1-2) |
| Foot Protection | BS EN ISO 20345:2022+A1:2024 | Safety footwear — basic & additional requirements for toe protection and other risks. | 31 Dec 2022 (base), 29 Feb 2024 (A1) |

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NB: It's important to note that these are just summaries of the Safety Standards, and it's crucial to consult the full text of the standard to ensure that you are properly selecting the right garment or protection for your particular needs. Standards are regularly updated - this document is accurate to the best of our knowledge Sept 2025.