

Choosing Correct PPE TBT 114

What Happened

•An operative received a heat rash on his cheek, caused by wearing a face visor and attached goggles for a prolonged period of time while Vacuum Excavating and breaking concrete in warm weather. The rash needed a cream application.



TYPE OF VISOR USED

What's the worst that could have happened?

•The rash could have caused an infection.

What could have been done differently

- Avoid wearing visors and face masks for prolonged period of time, change to light eye protection when not vacuum excavating, breaking concrete or drilling.
- Ensure the type of PPE used is suitable for the task.
- Take plenty of breaks/rotate operatives in warm weather, (or if hot conditions)
- Remember 1 type of PPE doesn't suit All
- Ensure the PPE is kept clean and in good condition and replace if worn or damaged.

Remember PPE is not the first line of defence but the last.