



ETU OHS REPS NEWSLETTER

STICKERS ON HARD HATS

Recently the ETU OH&S Department received an enquiry as to any detrimental effect that stickers may have on hardhats, this came about due to rumor that a large construction project manager was about to ban stickers on hats on their projects.

AS/NZS 1800: Occupational protective helmets – Selection, care and use.

Clause 2.10 UNSAFE PRACTICES

(b) The helmet may be damaged and rendered ineffective by petroleum and petroleum products, cleaning agents, paints for adhesives and similar products, without the damage being visible to the user.

Before any application of adhesive tape, advice should be sought to ensure that the tape adhesive will not degrade the shell material. **Generally, self-adhesive pads or stickers have been found not to affect the shell material adversely.**

The product data sheet provided to the ETU by its sticker supplier for the adhesive used in the manufacture of stickers and labels for the ETU states:

RI-ANP REMOVABLE: Pure acrylic – emulsion, suitable for temporary markings, instructions, promotional labels and areas where clean removability of the label is

desired on Glass, ABS, PS and PVC.

Therefore protective helmets that are manufactured to AS/NZS 1801 and are made of ABS, PS or PVC will suffer no detrimental effect to the performance of those helmets if ETU stickers are placed on them.

All components, shells, harnesses, headbands and accessories should be visually inspected at least weekly for signs of dents, cracks, penetration or other damage due to impact, rough treatment or unauthorized alterations which may reduce the degree of safety originally provided.

Helmets showing damage or deterioration to the shell should be immediately withdrawn from service and discarded. Helmets known to have been subject to significant impact should also be discarded even where the damage incurred is not obvious.

Field tests have shown that generally, helmet shells have a life of at least 3 years from the time of issue. Components of harnesses may deteriorate more rapidly in service and harnesses should therefore be replaced at intervals not longer than 2 years.

2009 Calendar

EEIT OHS TRAINING DATES

10AM -12PM

Melbourne –

Held at old ETU Office

Swanston St Carlton South

OHS REP TRAINING

Contact Tanya—0393269377 to book into the courses below.

Initial 5 Day OHS REPS Course

October 6, 7, 13, 14, 15

1 Day Refresher OHS Rep Course

Melbourne

October 21

Country

Shepparton – September 23

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Global Green Electrician Course - 5 Days



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