

Safety Action Notice

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Duraweld face visors, Ref EPVS0143, manufactured up to 13 July 2020: latex warning

Summary

Duraweld Face Visors manufactured and dated up to the 13 July 2020 may contain latex in the product's headband. Check stocks and contact Duraweld for advice and assistance.

Action

- Health board acute and primary care services have been alerted by National Procurement Customer Alert Notice CAN407 and therefore should not require to take any additional action unless they have procured affected product from other sources.
- Local authorities and contractors should:
 - Check stocks immediately
 - Stop using affected product
 - quarantine any stock
 - notify any organisations they have provided with this mask through mutual aid
 - Contact Duraweld (Enquiries) for advice and assistance
 - Report adverse incidents to local incident management systems and to [IRIC](#)

Problem / background

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in England has advised (annexe) that Duraweld Face Visors manufactured and dated up to the 13 July 2020 may contain latex in the product's headband for items.



DHSC advise that, whilst these visors are safe to use for people who do not have a latex allergy, there has been some correspondence relating to the quality of the head band. DHSC has asked for stocks to be checked and affected product quarantined. DHSC is also seeking verification from the manufacturer as to the type of latex contained within the head band.

Supplier contacts

Duraweld Ltd, Salter Road, Scarborough, N. Yorkshire YO11 3UP

Tel. 0333 320 8550 sales@duraweld.co.uk

Suggested onward distribution

Adult Care Services
Care Homes
Children's Residential Services
Health, safety and wellbeing
Health & Safety
Home Care
Risk Management
Supplies/Procurement

Enquiries

Enquiries (and adverse incident reports) in Scotland should be addressed to:

Incident Reporting & Investigation Centre (IRIC)

NHS National Services Scotland

Gyle Square, 1 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9EB

Tel: 0131 275 7575 Email: nss.irc@nhs.scot

Report options are available on the HFS website: [How to report an Adverse Incident](#)

Further information about reporting incidents can be found in [CEL 43 \(2009\)](#) or by contacting IRIC at the above address.

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ANNEXE

Department
of Health &
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26th February 2021

**Important Customer Notice – Duraweld Face Visors – EPVS0143 – Latex Warning
immediate action required**

Dear Colleague,
Duraweld Face Visors – EPVS0143

This is an important notice relating to Duraweld Face Visors which has been sent out, in error, to organisations between 16th and 24th February 2021. We have received information from the manufacturer indicating that this Visor may contain latex in the product's headband for items manufactured and dated up to the 13 July 2020, when the headband components were changed.

We have therefore taken the decision to immediately lock and quarantine this item with a view to collecting it from those sites affected.



Whilst these visors are safe to use for people who do not have a latex allergy, there has been some correspondence relating to the quality of the head band. Please be assured that there are sufficient stocks of alternative visors.

We would ask that you check your stocks and immediately quarantine any of this product. We would also ask that you notify any recipients of onward supply of this notice.

We are taking this action whilst we seek verification from the manufacturer as to the type of latex contained within the head band.

Action Required

- Identify if you have any stocks of the affected product codes.
- Quarantine the product and contact us by emailing productqueries@ppeenquiries.com quoting reference *Visor - Duraweld* and confirming the volume of product held in order to facilitate collection.
- If the product has been distributed via mutual aid, please inform receiving organisations of this notice and advise them to contact the DHSC Product Enquiries Team as above

Actions already undertaken

We have taken immediate actions to stop further distribution of the product at this time

Yours faithfully,

Moira Philpott – Deputy Director – Primary Care – COVID PPE Demand Cell
Chair Department of Health and Social Care - Decision Making Committee