



# For GMB Members in ASDA STORES

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### HEALTH and SAFETY PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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For attention of ASDA Stores Shop Stewards and Members

Dear Colleagues

As members will know, Health & Safety is a critical issue to the Union. It is an area that is under constant discussions at our meetings with the Company. I am concerned that there are still reports of the Company failing to issue proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Where members encounter unsafe working practices or failures on behalf of the Company to issue PPE in the first instance, they should raise concerns through their GMB Shop Steward/ Safety Rep. If the Company fails to act in a timely and appropriate way to concerns over PPE then it needs to be pursued vigorously if needs be through the procedure.

However, we would always hope that management would take action when shortcomings in safety are brought to their attention, without the need to resort to formal procedures.

Where members are involved in an accident at work or where they believe they may have long term health problems associated with their job they should seek advice through the Union. All accidents and injuries need to be reported in the Accident Book

**ASDA stores workers need a strong independent union campaigning on safety  
We intend to keep up the pressure ASDA nationally on this issue.**

**GARY SMITH  
NATIONAL SECRETARY**

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