

ACWA

CSP2210 - PPE for Support Activities

Purpose

To provide guidance to support workers on when and how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriately based on the type of activity they are undertaking with or around the person they support.

Scope

This procedure applies to all ACare WA staff, subcontractors, and support workers involved in direct care activities that may expose them or others to risk of infection or contact with bodily fluids.

Responsibilities

- **Support Workers:** Follow PPE guidelines for each care activity and report concerns.
- **Coordinators:** Ensure workers have access to PPE and know how to use it.
- **Management:** Maintain PPE supplies and provide updated training and protocols.

PPE Requirements by Activity

- **Showering or Bathing** – Gloves, Apron, Optional Eye Protection
- **Toileting or Continence Support** – Gloves, Apron
- **Wound Care or Dressing Changes** – Gloves, Apron, Mask, Eye Protection
- **Meal Preparation** – Gloves (if direct contact with food), Apron
- **Cleaning/Disinfecting** – Gloves, Apron (Mask if using strong chemicals)
- **Transporting Client** – No PPE unless other contact care is involved
- **Social/Community Support** – Hand hygiene, optional mask depending on health advice

How to Use PPE Correctly

- Always perform hand hygiene before and after using PPE.
- Don PPE in this order: Apron/Gown → Mask → Eye Protection → Gloves.
- Remove PPE in this order: Gloves → Eye Protection → Gown/Apron → Mask.
- Dispose of PPE immediately in the correct waste bin.
- Never reuse single-use PPE.
- Change gloves between tasks or after touching contaminated surfaces.

Training and Refreshers

All staff must complete PPE training during induction and as part of annual refreshers. Coordinators should review PPE use during site visits and team check-ins.

Related Documents

ACWA CSP2205 - Health and Wellbeing Procedure

ACWA CSP2235 - Personal Care Plan

ACWA CSP2265 - Infection Prevention and Control Policy

State Health PPE Guidelines (current COVID-19 protocols as applicable)

