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This information message is sent to draw the attention of Equipment Co-ordinators to information which may be relevant to the safety of equipment and facilities in NHS Boards and Local Authorities. Please find the information below:

**The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has issued a safety alert on PPE face masks designated KN95.**

**HSE is the market surveillance authority for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The alert includes mandatory actions which must be followed if KN95 designated PPE is in use. Full details are available here: [STSU1 – 2020](#)**

**Incident reporting arrangements for PPE**

- All adverse events involving PPE, including near misses, should be reported to the local reporting and learning system and to IRIC – [click here](#)
- Incidents involving PPE which result in injury or illness should be assessed for notification to HSE using the RIDDOR scheme.

As the Equipment Co-ordinator for your organisation, we recommend that you assess whether or not to forward this information to managers and staff within your area of responsibility who might benefit from being aware of it.

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