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Many workers in hazardous environments could be wearing protective workwear that is not fit for purpose, according to workwear supply and laundry provider, Elis.

Elis works with thousands of businesses around the UK, advising them on their protective clothing requirements, supplying the workwear and then regularly laundering and maintaining it. The company has in-house PPE expertise in recommending workwear based on risks and hazards present in industrial working environments and estimates that around 60 per cent of business are using at least some workwear that is not fit for purpose.

Paul Swift of Elis comments: “We help our customers assess the hazards involved and make recommendations to ensure that customers’ protective workwear meets the relevant requirements. It is during this process that we often find that some of the current garments are not providing the wearers with the protection they need and in some cases may not be compliant with legislation.”

Elis has been operating its workwear supply and laundry service for over a hundred years and runs a nationwide service, with in-house PPE expertise and a national network of industrial laundries and delivery fleets. Elis is the largest provider of workwear and laundry services in Europe and also operates in Latin America, covering 28 countries in total.

Elis provides its customers with a wide range of high quality, durable and comfortable workwear. All protective clothing PPE requirements are covered, including high visibility and protection from welding sparks, electric arc flash, chemicals, heat and flames. Because Elis also has its own design and manufacturing capabilities, if there is a specific colour or feature required, Elis can produce it.

Elis supplies its garments on a cost-effective rental basis, so there are no up-front purchasing costs, and there’s also flexibility to swap items if employees change.

For organisations of all sizes, Elis collects soiled workwear, professionally launders and maintains it, and returns the clean workwear to an agreed schedule, ensuring that sufficient workwear is available, that employees are protected, that they are comfortable and look the part.

All garments are tracked using barcodes or radio frequency ID tags to gather information such as their age and the number of washes they have had, to assist with compliance and garment management.

Elis also supplies and launders workwear for the catering, hospitality and food manufacturing sectors, as well as providing a nationwide washroom service, to help businesses to maintain hygienic and fully-stocked washrooms for customers and employees.

Elis is committed to reducing its environmental footprint and holds the Carbon Trust Standard Certificate in recognition of its reductions in CO2 emissions and water usage over many years.

To find out more see <https://uk.elis.com/en/sectors/industrial> or telephone 0800 616691



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About Elis

Previously called Berendsen, the company was acquired by Elis in 2017, an international multi-service provider, offering textile, hygiene and facility services solutions. The acquisition has brought additional investment in Elis in the UK and Ireland and further advantages for customers.

Present in Europe and Latin America, Elis is a leader in most of the 28 countries in which it operates, employing 50,000 professionals at 440 production and services centres. The company works for public and private organisations of all sizes and across all sectors. Elis is listed on Euronext Paris.

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