

PPE Storage Cabinets

DT Workshop Equipment Reference — D&T / STEM resource for school workshops | Safety & First Aid

A PPE storage cabinet stores safety glasses, ear defenders, gloves, aprons and masks in an organised, visible and protected place. Proper storage keeps personal protective equipment clean, undamaged and easy to issue, which raises the chance students actually wear it.

Key Features

- Wall or floor cabinets with compartments
- Ventilated sections for masks and respirators
- Labels for each item and size
- Lockable for hazardous or costly items
- UV or dry storage protects lenses and straps

Typical Uses in the Workshop

- Issue and return PPE at the workshop entrance
- Store class sets of safety glasses by size
- Keep respirators and filters dust-free
- Protect cleaning PPE for lab areas

Safe Operation

1. Keep the cabinet tidy with labels visible
2. Issue PPE at the door and check returns
3. Inspect items for damage as they are returned
4. Replace worn straps, lenses and filters
5. Lock the cabinet overnight for security

SAFETY NOTES

- Do not store worn, damaged or contaminated PPE
- Keep respirators sealed from dust when stored
- Check the cabinet is securely mounted
- Report missing or broken PPE promptly
- Never store chemicals or food with PPE

Maintenance & Consumables

- Wipe shelves and clean items termly
- Check seals, lenses and straps for wear
- Reorder stock when levels are low
- Update the PPE inventory list
- Service mounted cabinets and hinges

Specification & Buying Notes

Choose a ventilated cabinet sized to class numbers with labelled compartments. A floor cabinet near the door works well. Add a shelf for disposable gloves and a dispenser for earplugs.