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Dear Simon

Thank you for your email of 24 October 2018 about the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while undertaking meth testing and decontamination.

As your query is so specific I have sought advice from WorkSafe New Zealand. WorkSafe advise that the standard has not changed since the release of the Gluckman report. They also advise that it is the duty of the Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) to ensure suitable PPE is provided to manage risk.

If you are unsure of the level of PPE required, I advise you to seek specialist advice as the level of risk in each situation will be dependent on the risk and type of exposure. Essentially, if a PCBU cannot ensure the safety of workers doing the work because they are unsure what PPE to use then they should not be doing the work.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Iain Lees-Galloway', written over a circular stamp.

Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
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