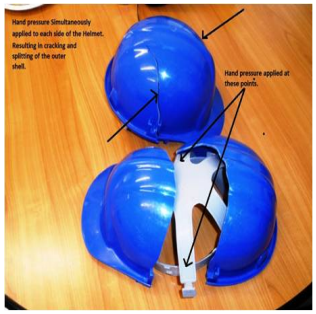
Dangerous Counterfeit Hard Hats

WHAT HAPPENED

The British Safety Industries Federation (BSIF) has been made aware that counterfeit and sub-standard safety helmets believed to be of Asian origin and marked under the brand name “Burly” and “MkII” have found their way onto the international market.

These helmets are copies of the well-known MkII® safety helmet, a product manufactured by JSP® in the UK and should not be confused as being one and the same.

The “Burly” helmets do not meet the requirements of the British and European Standard, EN397. The photograph demonstrates the counterfeit helmet which was broken by applying hand pressure to its sides.



Broken Helmet

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

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The counterfeit helmets are extremely dangerous, they must not be worn and should be destroyed immediately.

By clicking on the 'additional information pdf', the BISF press release can be accessed along with its images of the counterfeit “Burly” helmets including the under-peak markings and the instruction leaflet.

If in doubt, carry out inspections of your helmets and if you find such a helmet, please contact the BSIF at technical@bsif.co.uk or by phone on +44 (0)1442 248744.

Counterfeit Personal Protective Equipment(PPE) is on the increase, with well established product brands and designs being targeted. The consequences of using counterfeit and illegal products could be fatal. Often these products don’t perform as they should, endangering lives and exposing businesses to the risk of prosecution.

To help combat the arrival of counterfeit and illegal PPE, the BSIF has introduced the Registered Safety Supplier Scheme (RSSS). The scheme ensures that all PPE is tested to the known performance requirement as stipulated by CE standards and that you are buying from a recognised and reputable source.

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