

Hard Hat – Passed its sell by date?

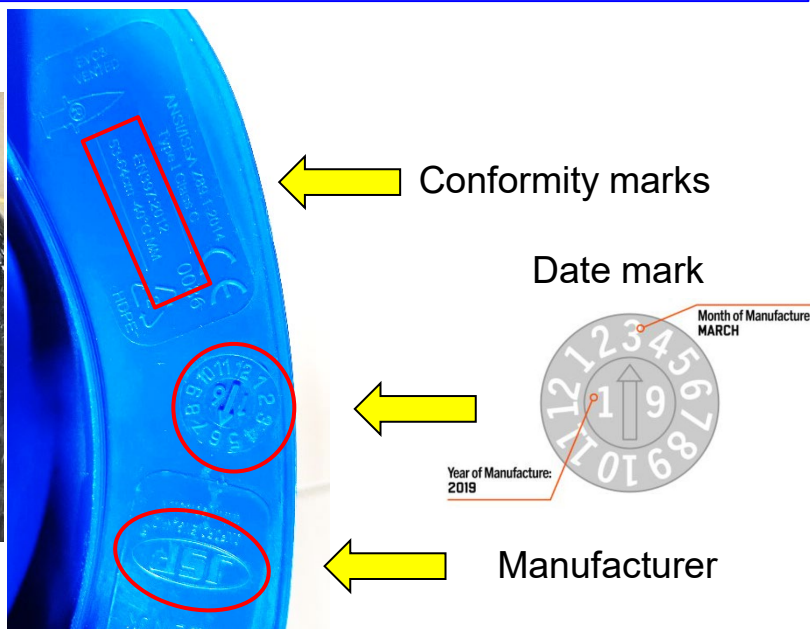
What?

Contractor found with ~20 year old hard hat at HOW24 set up

Why?

Hard hats routinely not checked before use

- Hard hats have a **5-year maximum** in service lifespan and must carry British Standard (BS) conformity mark
- Potential lifespan reduced by wear and tear, etc.



Learning! Check your Hat!

- Check manufacturing date and the BS EN397:2012 mark
- Check outer for signs of damage - replace if excessively worn, dented, or scratched
- Replace if hat has been painted, written on, exposed to chemicals, bleached by sunlight, or has stickers on it etc.
- Check the internal suspension, too!

