

EN 397:2025

What's changing for industrial safety helmets?

THE SIX CHANGES TO KNOW

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TWO HELMET TYPES

Type 1: Traditional industrial helmets (similar to current EN 397 helmets)

Type 2: Helmets for working at height.

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IMPACT TESTING

Type 2 adds off-crown as well as on-crown impact.

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CHINSTRAP RELEASE

Type 1: Optional

Type 2: Mandatory with stronger fall retention.

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ELECTRICAL INSULATION

The optional 440V test has been removed. Electrical insulation must now meet EN 50365:2023 requirements.

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IGNITION RESISTANCE

A 650°C heated-rod test better reflects ignition hazards such as sparks.

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WEARER ERGONOMICS

Helmets and accessories are tested together for comfort, stability and compatibility.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

EN 397:2012+A1:2012 helmets remain valid within their certified lifecycle.

