Protect your head!

What happened
Several accidents have been reported in recent months due to people not wearing protective head-gear in areas where safety helmets are compulsory or in work places where the obligation to wear a safety helmet presents difficulties. The victims sustained impacts to the head from protruding elements (sharp angles, steel plates, etc.) when standing up or moving around in their work place.

The consequences
The injuries associated with these accidents include cuts, lesions and gashes to the scalp, some requiring stitches.

What you must do
When working in or passing through areas with signs indicating that the wearing of safety helmets is compulsory, you must wear a safety helmet supplied by the CERN stores, compliant with at least one of the two following standards: EN 397 « Specification for industrial safety helmets », or NF EN 14052 « High performance industrial helmets ».

Should the wearing of the safety helmet be physically impossible owing to the nature of the work place, the wearing of bump caps* is permitted only if there is no risk of falling objects. Safety helmets therefore remain compulsory at all other times in these areas.

* Bump caps (not available in the CERN stores) must comply with standard EN 812.