


HIGH-VISIBILITY CLOTHING

Safety Topic V6-0983

Personal Protection, Excavations, Landscaping, Warehouse, Work Zones

High-visibility clothing makes workers easier to see in all lighting and weather conditions, reducing the risk of accidents involving moving vehicles, equipment, or other workers.

- High-visibility clothing uses bright colors like fluorescent yellow-green, orange, or red to stand out against the environment.
- Reflective strips make the wearer visible in low-light or nighttime conditions when illuminated by headlights or work lights.
- There are different classes of high-visibility safety apparel to choose from based on the type of work and traffic exposure.
- Common types include vests, jackets, shirts, pants, hats, and coveralls.

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- Ensure that you are wearing the correct garment class for your job, which will be Class 1, 2, or 3, based on your risk and exposure.
 - Keep high-visibility clothing clean because dirt, grease, and excessive wear will reduce the effectiveness.
 - Replace faded or damaged high-visibility clothing.
 - Wear high-visibility clothing on top of all other layers so nothing covers up the reflective material.
 - Make sure your high-visibility clothing isn't too tight or too loose. It shouldn't restrict your movement but it must stay in place so reflective areas remain visible from all angles.
 - If conditions change in the work area, like lighting or weather, make sure your visibility is still adequate.
 - Don't assume drivers or operators see you just because you are wearing high-visibility clothing. Make eye contact before approaching.



Discussion

How can you identify the class of your high-visibility clothing?

What are the high-visibility clothing requirements on your current worksite?