

HIGH VISIBILITY CARE & MAINTENANCE

INSPECTING AND CARING FOR YOUR HIGH-VISIBILITY (HI-VIS) CLOTHING IS IMPORTANT SO YOU CAN BE SEEN BY OTHERS IN THE WORKPLACE.

CARING FOR AND INSPECTING YOUR HI-VIS CLOTHING WILL ENSURE YOUR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) MEETS REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS. A DIRTY, WORN OUT AND CONTAMINATED HI-VIS VEST CAN PUT YOU AT SIGNIFICANT RISK.

- Proper storage of your hi-vis vest ensures it will stay clean and dry.
- Inspecting your hi-vis clothing before each use will ensure it is in good condition.
- Proper cleaning of your hi-vis apparel allows for best colour and reflectiveness.



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HI-VISIBILITY (HI-VIS) APPAREL CARE/MAINTENANCE

1) HI-VIS CLOTHING SHOULD BE STORED:

- In a clean environment away from dirt, grease and other chemicals.
- In a dry environment to prevent it from getting wet and deteriorating.
- Kept away of away from heat sources as they could melt or damage the vest.
- Stored out of the sun to prevent the ultra violet light from fading it and breaking down the material.

2) WHEN INSPECTING PPE, SUCH AS A HI-VIS VEST, LOOK FOR:

- Contaminated, worn out or dirty reflective materials.
- Faded vest colours or reflective materials.
- Rips, tears or missing reflective material.
- Damage to buckles or velcro securements.

IF YOUR PPE SHOWS SIGNS OF WEAR AND TEAR, SOILING, OR CONTAMINATION, BE SURE TO REPLACE IT IMMEDIATELY AS IT WILL NO LONGER PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF PROTECTION AND/OR MEET REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

3) GENERAL CLEANING REQUIREMENTS:

- Refer to the garment's manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and care. Be sure to follow these to avoid any unnecessary damage.
- Wash in cold or warm water
- Do not use bleach or other heavy duty stain removers
- Do not over dry. Reflective material temperature should not exceed 70°C during drying. Line drying is recommended where possible.

RESOURCE LINK

www.worksafefbc.com/en/health-safety/tools-machinery-equipment/personal-protective-equipment-ppe/types/high-visibility-clothing

