

# PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT: HIGH VISIBILITY CLOTHING

## GET YOUR SAFETY RIGHT - WEAR HI-VIS ON-SITE

High-visibility clothing (Hi-Vis) is essential for maintaining workplace safety and preventing accidents. Unless your site has specific uniform requirements, workers should always wear Hi-Vis PPE to ensure they are easily seen and to minimize the risk of incidents.

### HIGH-VISIBILITY (HI-VIS) CLOTHING

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF WEARING HI VIS

- Hi-Vis clothing is designed to ensure workers are easily seen on-site.
- The human eye is most responsive to large, contrasting, bright, or moving objects which is why the high color contrast between Hi-Vis clothing and the work environment significantly enhances visibility.

## PROTECTING YOURSELF AT WORK

Hi-Vis clothing plays a major role in maintaining safety and preventing accidents especially on busy work sites. It is essential to wear Hi-Vis clothing, especially when working around mobile and moving equipment.

- **Enhanced Visibility:** Hi-Vis clothing ensures you are easily seen in dark environments or when visibility is reduced. It also supports a site's traffic management plan.
- **Condition of Hi-Vis Clothing:** Ensure your Hi-Vis clothing is not damaged, faded or worn out and provides full 360-degree visibility. Proper Hi-Vis clothing significantly reduces the risk of injuries and accidents in busy environments.

## CLASS TYPES OF HI-VIS CLOTHING

- CSA Class 1: Provides the lowest recognized coverage and good visibility.
- CSA Class 2: Offers moderate body coverage and superior visibility.
- CSA Class 3: Delivers the greatest body coverage and visibility in low-light conditions and at great distances.

Workers must wear CSA Class 2 or 3 Hi-Vis apparel when they work around vehicles moving faster than 30 km/h.

### **REMEMBER:**

**High-visibility gear is only one part of on-site safety  
and should not be relied upon as a fail-safe measure.**

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