



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HI-VIZ.



THINK ABOUT THE RISK

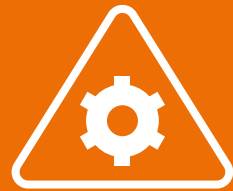
Hi-Viz clothing must be suitable for the risk. It should protect day and night and in adverse weather including snow and fog. In darker conditions or sites with moving vehicles, Hi-Viz helps the wearer stand out. Dayglo colours and fluorescent yellow are best.

Reflective strips make the wearer more visible in headlights, poor lighting or when it's dark. Choose trousers with reflective strips. With jackets or waistcoats, ensure strips are at or below waist level.



THINK ABOUT THE WEARER

- Does it fit the wearer?
- Does it restrict movement?
- Does it protect against other workplace hazards?



THINK ABOUT THE JOB

Hi-Viz clothing must allow the wearer to do the job safely:

- If it's loose-fitting, could it snag on moving machinery?
- Will it be comfortable to work in?
- Will it interfere with other items of PPE?
- Is it suitable for the weather?

Ensure that if the job or conditions change, the HI-Viz clothing is still suitable.

EMPLOYERS MUST PROVIDE...



- **Clean and sound Hi-Viz clothing** free of charge to employees who face significant risks
- **Storage facilities** for clothing when not in use
- **Info and training** on why Hi-Viz is needed and on how and when it should be worn
- **Supervision** to ensure Hi-Viz is used correctly.

EMPLOYEES MUST...



- **Wear the Hi-Viz clothing** supplied as instructed
- **Look after clothing**, check for and report any damage or problems
- **Use storage facilities** provided when the clothing is not in use.

DAMAGED, DIRTY OR DRAGGING ON THE GROUND?

If your Hi-Viz is a mess or fits badly, it won't protect.

- Keep it clean
- Keep it in good nick
- Keep yourself safe



GET TO GRIPS WITH THE STANDARD

Hi-Viz clothing is covered under The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992.

It should meet the British Standard BS EN 471.

Two letters describe the level of protection:



X shows how much conspicuous material is in the garment. Class 1 has the least, Class 3 the most.

Y shows reflective performance when seen in headlights during darkness. Class 2 is more visible than Class 1.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- A garment must have a minimum amount of conspicuous material meaning children's sizes aren't big enough to reach the standard.
- Reflective strips can't be overprinted with logos. They've got to be the right size too.
- There are a number of different coloured "Identification" Hi- Viz Waistcoats which are often used in warehouses, factories and building sites which look very smart and make it easy to spot the different departments; First Aider/Visitor/Fire Marshall etc, however, they don't conform to EN ISO 20471. They have the reflective strips but the base colour of the garment doesn't conform.

**If there's more dirt than yellow,
it's no longer Hi-Viz.**