

Hi-Viz in the workplace

As the night draw in and visibility both on the roads and in the workplace lessens, the wearing of H-Viz clothing and PPE becomes all the more important.



It's difficult to alter others' habits or judge how they will respond to a hazard, but wearing Hi-Viz protection will at least provide you with a further visual aid to make you stand out and be noticed.

It can be issued either as a jacket or along with trousers to give the whole body visual protection. Or dependant on level of risk just a Hi-Viz Tabard. But remember keep the tabard fully closed, otherwise it's not highlighting your chest. All types of Hi-Viz issued by the government have been selected using the guidance of current legislated standards and should display one of the following recognised standards on the washing label.

BS EN 471
EN ISO 20471
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Check whether what's been issued or what you have is up to date, and if it isn't ask your manager for a replacement.

Looking after work-wear and PPE

Obviously during your work, clothing and PPE can get dirty. A factor in their testing is how often they can be washed and dried and still keep luminance. Check the label as it should have a indication for the garment.

Remember the more dust or dirt that gets onto the clothing or PPE the less effective its reflective body and strips will be in protecting you



Hi-Viz is not indestructible and it is your responsibility to ensure it's clean, in good repair, worn properly and fit for purpose. If you feel its coming to the end of its use then let your manager know and they can arrange for replacement. Nothing lasts for ever.

Finally, Wearing Hi-Viz clothing will not give you an invincible cape.

As the nights draw in.....

Think about your work in darker times of the day or in inclement weather.

How can you make your workplace clearer to the public? Protect yourself from risk at all times and don't cut corners.

**Be Safe. Be Seen.
Keep it Clean!!**