



# Safety Talk



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## High Visibility Clothing

The need to be seen is critical for worker safety. This is especially true for workers who work around moving vehicles or equipment. In an effort to prevent injuries and fatalities from “struck-by” hazards, workers wearing high-visibility clothing help alert vehicle operators to their presence. Studies have suggested that reflective material helps others see you up to 3 seconds quicker in the darkness.

### **High-Visibility Personal Protective Equipment:**

- High visibility workwear should be worn at all times where pedestrians and motor vehicles are operating within the same workplace. Keep in mind that anyone who works outdoors or in the parking areas should be wearing high visibility to be seen by motorists.
- It's important that high visibility workwear is cleaned correctly as improper care can lead to reflective sections not working as well as they should.
- High visibility reflective tape is made from glass beads. When you shine a light on the reflective tape, it is the refraction of light by the glass that causes it to be seen.



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