

Fall is here and winter is right around the corner and both seasons can bring along changing conditions that can affect our day to day. Workers must be visible to drivers and equipment operators at all times. High-Visibility apparel is essential when it comes to being seen and is a requirement when working near moving vehicles and/or equipment. Once you are seen and visible to the motorist or operator, the less likely you are to be involved in a struck by incident.

Benefits of High Visibility Safety Apparel

- Visible at all times of the day. Fall and winter brings shorter day light hours. High Visibility apparel allows drivers and operators to see our workers during times when we are losing daylight hours.
- Employees are visible in all weather conditions. As public servants, we respond to call outs in all weather conditions. Wearing high visibility allows us to be seen by all others out on the road and those working around the lots.
- High Visibility Apparel makes job sites safer to work within by reducing the probability of accidents. Drivers and equipment operators can recognize workers who wear high visibility clothing. Job sites have a lot of moving parts and high visibility apparel allows workers to safely move and be spotted by those working in heavy equipment.

Our policy follows OSHA safety statutes and FHWA standards, which requires use of a high-visibility vest, shirt, or outerwear that meets “ANSI 107-2020 Type “R” Class 3 performance. Any garment meeting this will have that information on a sewn-on tag or printed on the garment. Just a note – Class 3 requires reflective material on your arms – so no cutting off sleeves on vests or shirts! Also, all the high-vis apparel items in our KYTC Uniform Catalog available on the Secretary’s Office of Safety intranet site meets this standard.

Whether you are working on your lot or on the roadway, high visibility apparel is essential for your safety.