

Road Transport Section



High Visibility Clothing

- If an accident or a breakdown occurs on a busy road, drivers may have to wait by their vehicles for assistance. In these circumstances **high visibility clothing**, made from fluorescent PVC, would reduce their chances of further mishap.
- In addition, a large number of fatalities and injuries happen in loading bays, and **high visibility clothing** can make a major contribution to preventing these accidents.
- Employers should be encouraged to provide **high visibility clothing** and the basis for this is the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Regulations.
- Under these regulations an employer must undertake a risk assessment to see if PPE is needed.
- If risk assessment shows that PPE is necessary, the employer must provide suitable PPE free of charge. There is a legal obligation on the employee to wear it.
- The Regulations do not specify types of clothing to be provided. The Health and Safety Executive Guidelines, however, refer to coats and jackets for the highest degree of conspicuousness, and waistcoats and tabards for a lower level of conspicuousness.
- Usdaw negotiators should press employers for waistcoats as a minimum provision for drivers who might have to wait by their vehicle after a breakdown or accident.