



High Visibility Standard

1.0 PURPOSE

This standard supports the Personal Protective Equipment Policy and establishes the use of high visibility clothing, when required for work at SaskPower.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Approved High Visibility Clothing

Approved high visibility clothing shall be in compliance with CSA Z96-09 (R2014) High Visibility Safety Apparel Standard. This Standard specifies requirements for occupational apparel that is:

- capable of signaling the user's presence visually; and
- intended to provide the user with high visibility in hazardous situations under any light conditions and under illumination by vehicle headlights.

2.2 High Visibility Clothing

High visibility clothing requirements include colour, retro-reflection and configuration of the materials. Performance requirements are also provided for the physical properties of background materials used in the construction of high-visibility safety apparel.

3.0 METHOD/PRACTICE

3.1 Use

- Conduct a hazard/aspect identification and risk assessment to determine if high visibility clothing is required.
- The high visibility clothing worn shall meet the requirement of CSA Z96-09 (R2014) High Visibility Safety Apparel Class 2 as a minimum. CSA Z96-09 (R2014) High Visibility Safety Apparel Class 3 clothing shall be worn by workers conducting flagging operations or directing traffic.
- High visibility clothing shall be worn when exposed to hazards presented by vehicular traffic and/or mobile equipment, including the swing zone of stationary mobile equipment.
- High visibility clothing shall be required for all work on or near roadways or highways as required by this standard.
- High visibility clothing shall also be required where work place hazards require that workers be visible and easily identified.
- The requirements for high visibility Clothing apply to work-site visitors.
- The Health and Safety Department shall establish the high visibility clothing specification.
- SaskPower employees and contractors shall wear high visibility clothing in conjunction with SaskPower's Flame Resistant Clothing Standard, where required.
- When required, rain wear/specialty clothing shall meet high visibility specifications.
- High visibility clothing shall be worn as an outer layer, not under other types of clothing.
- Non flame resistant high visibility vests/clothing shall not be worn over flame resistant clothing (FRC).
- Local management may implement alternate controls/barriers that provide for equal or greater protection to workers in areas where exposure to mobile equipment or vehicular traffic has been identified as a potential hazard. In general the alternate controls/barriers will be administrative controls.



3.2 Maintenance

- High visibility clothing shall be kept clean in order to maintain a high visibility level; and
- Read the label on the protective garment and follow manufacturer's specifications for cleaning (i.e. laundering or dry cleaning).
- Test methods are provided in the CSA Standard to ensure that a minimum level of visibility is maintained when garments are subjected to ongoing care procedures.

3.3 Training

Those staff responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the High Visibility Standard shall be informed of the requirements outlined in this Standard.

4.0 REFERENCES

- Saskatchewan
 - *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations* 1996, sections 132-133
- SaskPower (located on SafetyNet)
 - Hazard/Aspect Control Policy
 - SaskPower Traffic Control Planning Guidelines
 - Health, Safety and Environment Rulebook
- Third Party
 - CAN/CSA-Z96-09 (R2014) High-Visibility Safety Apparel