





As anyone in road construction knows, work zones are a major occupational hazard for those who build and maintain America's streets, bridges and highways. From 2003-2015, 1,571 workers lost their lives at road construction sites. In nearly two-thirds of these tragic events, a worker was struck by a vehicle in the work zone. High-visibility workwear is essential to helping prevent these accidents and keeping your workers safe.

Setting the standards for high visibility.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Federal Highway Administration are the two most widely referenced organizations for worker safety standards. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) along with the International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) set the ANSI/ISEA 107 guidelines for High Visibility Safety Apparel and headwear.

Color, brightness, placement, and the use of reflective materials combined make workers stand out in all light conditions. These industry standards fall into three classes based on degree of hazard, complexity of tasks performed and proximity to vehicle traffic:

Class 1: There is ample separation between worker and motor vehicles. (Example: parking attendants).

Class 2: For work in inclement weather and/or areas with complex backgrounds. (Example: survey crews).

Class 3: Workers are exposed to high speed traffic and/or conditions where visibility may be reduced. (Example: roadway construction workers).

The right gear, properly worn.

Extra care should be taken that garments are worn properly to ensure maximum visibility. Proper fit is essential to meet industry requirements, and vests and jackets should be kept closed on the front and sides to ensure 360-degree visibility.

A higher commitment to worker safety.

As you know, much more goes into keeping your people safe and productive than just applying reflective materials and bright colors to their garments. That's why Carhartt High-Visibility gear is engineered to maximize mobility and comfort on the job. Special fabric blends enhanced with Force®, Fast-Dry® and StainBreaker® and Rain Defender® technologies help apparel breathe, wick away sweat, keep stains at bay and shed moisture to keep workers dry, comfortable and focused on the task at hand. So, no matter the job or the conditions, safety always shows up for work.

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