



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Federal Highway Administration publishes 2009 Revision of MUTCD, Mandates Hi-Vis

HI-VIS APPAREL IS REQUIRED FOR ALL WORKERS, INCLUDING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, IN ALL HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND IN ALL WORK ZONES

On December 16, 2009 the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published its 2009 revision of the “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices” (MUTCD). The MUTCD outlines the rules for all elements of U.S. roadways and the 2009 version contains important new regulations regarding ANSI-compliant hi-vis apparel.

HI-VIS APPAREL REQUIRED FOR ALL WORKERS IN MORE PLACES; RULE 23 CFR SUPERSEDED

The 2009 MUTCD requires that all workers wear ANSI 107 Class 2 or Class 3 hi-vis apparel whenever they are exposed to moving traffic, work vehicles, or construction equipment – regardless of the type of roadway. This supersedes 2006 FHWA interim rule 23 CFR Part 634, which required ANSI 107 Class 2 or Class 3 apparel to be worn by workers in federal-aid highway work zones only. **The 2009 MUTCD extends this requirement to ALL workers in ALL work zones.**

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS INCLUDED; CAN WEAR ANSI-207 GARMENTS

The requirement also applies to emergency responders working within the right-of-way, including firefighters, EMTs and law enforcement personnel. For these workers, the 2009 MUTCD allows the option of an ANSI 207-compliant garment, commonly known as a Public Safety Vest. This aligns with NFPA 1901-2009, which requires one ANSI 207-compliant vest for every seat on a new fire truck.

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The 2009 version of the MUTCD took effect January 15, 2010, with all states required to adopt it as their state standard within two years. Workers on non-federal highways have until December 31, 2011 to be fully compliant with the hi-visibility apparel mandate.

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Ergodyne has the products and expertise to help keep workers safe and employers compliant under the 2009 MUTCD. From ANSI 107 Class 2 and Class 3 vests to Class E pants and Foul Weather Gear to industry-leading ANSI 207 Public Safety Vests, our GloWear® line of Hi-Visibility Apparel offers a solution for every application.

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