

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR RETRO REFLECTIVE SAFETY VESTS FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS ON FEDERALLY FUNDED HIGHWAYS

On November 24, 2008, a new U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration regulation (Worker Visibility Final Rule - 23 CFR Part 634) will require firefighters and other first responders responding to or working at an incident on federally funded highways to wear a retro reflective safety vest that meets the Class II or III standards of the American National Standards Institute/International Safety Equipment Association (ANSI/ISEA) 107-2004 publication. The ANSI/ISEA 207-2006 Public Safety Vest standard has also been interpreted as meeting this requirement.

Firefighters directly engaged in fire suppression should not wear traffic safety vests, as they could potentially catch fire or melt if exposed to flame.

Read More.

<http://blog.usfa.dhs.gov/2008/11/new-requirements-for-retro-reflective.html>



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