



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Division

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TO: All OR-OSHA

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SUBJECT: Clarification of High Visibility Safety garments in construction

There have been a number of questions recently on the intended scope of OAR 437-003-0128, High Visibility Garments. "Employees exposed to hazards caused by on-highway type moving vehicles in construction zones and street/highway traffic must wear highly visible upper body garments." The identical language is also in OAR 437-002-0134(7).

The intent of these standards is to protect workers from street/highway traffic, either on existing streets/highways or when working in construction work zones along streets/highways. The words "construction zones" were used to distinguish from construction sites in general. The standard does not apply to vehicle traffic on construction sites. There are other standards which address the hazards such as backup alarms and observers.