

23. High Visibility Garment

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23.1 Purpose and Expected Results

A highly visible garment is defined as an ANSI Class 2 or Class 3 garment.

The identification and safety of Squad members and patients at call scenes are required for efficient patient care. Being highly visible enhances the safety of Squad members and patients. By enabling rapid positive identification, high visibility identifying garments:

1. Aid an incident commander in determining availability of Squad member resources and deploying these resources
2. Provide scene control personnel (such as law enforcement, and fire-police personnel) with the ability to distinguish Squad members from bystanders.
3. Enable bystanders and the general public to recognize and distinguish Squad personnel.

23.2 Circumstances of Applicability

The use of high-visibility garment is appropriate at:

1. The following call locations:
 1. Street or roadway or another public thoroughfare
 2. Fire scene
 3. Rescue scene
 4. Multiple casualty incident (MCI)
2. A call scene (other than above) at which a Squad member is not wearing outer clothing that readily identifies that person as a Squad member.

23.3 Requisites

Availability of high-visibility and identifying garments.

23.4 Procedure Description

Each Squad member present and meeting the Circumstances of applicability shall don a high-visibility and identifying garment. This garment shall be worn for the duration of the member's presence on the call scene.