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Wearing of High Visibility Clothing at Streetworks Sites

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Applicable to	All Electricity North West and Contractor personnel who work at or visit streetworks sites

A near miss was submitted highlighting an occurrence where operational staff and visitors were attending a streetworks site without wearing the appropriate high visibility clothing.

Wearing high visibility clothing is a mandatory requirement under the Safety at Street Works Code of Practice (referred to as the Red Book). This code is intended to help you to safely carry out work on all highways and roads, except motorways and dual carriageways with a speed limit of 50 mph or more.

Key Points to remember:

- High visibility clothing must be worn when you are inside a streetworks barrier system or in the immediate vicinity of a streetworks site.
- High visibility clothing must be worn when operating outside the working space e.g. when setting out, maintaining or removing signing, lighting, guarding and temporary traffic control, etc
- This applies to all those undertaking works and all site visitors who are associated with the works including those visiting site.
- The standard Electricity North West blue coverall with the orange and silver high visibility strips does not provide adequate high visibility to ensure compliance with the code.
- Wearing high visibility clothing is not only an essential part of keeping you safe but also creates the right image for our customers.
- High visibility clothing must be correctly fastened and maintained in a clean and useable condition.



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