

Tow Truck Industry Protective Clothing Policy

This policy applies to the holders of:

- A tow truck operator licence; or
- A tow truck driver certificate;

Under the *Tow Truck Industry Act 1998*

This policy must be complied with at all times when a certified driver or any other employee of a Tow Truck Operator is:

- (A) driving, operating, standing or assisting in the use or operation of a tow truck on a road or road related area;
or
- (B) working at an accident scene or salvage site.

1. All persons must at all times wear:

- 1.1 Industrial clothing made from a material which complies with AS/NZS 4399 – 1996 (UPF40-50+)
- 1.2 Fully enclosed protective footwear as classified in AS/NZS 2210.3-2009
- 1.3 Reflective clothing, which is clearly visible, and which may be:
 - (a) during **daylight** hours a fluorescent shirt, which complies with AS/NZS 4602.1- 2011
 - (b) during **daylight** hours a vest or jacket which complies with AS/NZS 4602.1- 2011, or
 - (c) during hours of **darkness** a fluorescent shirt, vest or jacket that also has reflective markings and meets AS/NZS 4399-1996, AS/NZS 1906.4-2010 and AS/NZS 4602.1- 2011

2. During wet weather, all persons must wear when working outside a tow truck:

- 2.1 Rain wear with reflective markings manufactured with materials approved under AS/NZS 1906.4-1997 class F, class R or class RF.

3. All drivers of Category A tow trucks (those with 4 digit number plates):

- 3.1 Must have “TOWING” printed in block letters at least 7cm across the back of their reflective clothing (ie shirt, vest, jacket and rainwear)
- 3.2 NSW Fair Trading may approve in writing, the use of the words “INCIDENT RESPONSE” in lieu of “TOWING” on drivers clothing for drivers operating a tow truck performing incident management duties on a Motorway.

4. All persons are also required to have available for their use:

- 4.1 Protective gloves when preparing a motor vehicle to be loaded onto or unloaded from a tow truck;
- 4.2 Surgical gloves when dealing with blood and fluids in or around a motor vehicle;
- 4.3 Protective sunscreen lotion, cream or spray with a minimum SPF rating of 30+;
- 4.4 Headwear that provides sun protection; and
- 4.5 Protective sunglasses of a standard of at least AS 1067-2003

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