

STATEMENT



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AS/NZS 4602.1:2011 High visibility safety garments – Garments for high risk applications

On 17 February 2011, AS/NZS 4602.1:2011 *High visibility safety garments – Garments for high risk applications* was published. This document superseded the document known as AS/NZS 4602:1999 *High visibility safety garments*.

The principal change from the previous edition was the more rigorous specification of the amount of background material required on a garment for daytime visibility in high risk applications, and the way it is to be measured.

Provision was also made for later development of a separate standard for firefighters' garments (AS/NZS 4602.2).

AS/NZS 4602.1:2011 refers to a number of other standards, including AS/NZS 1906.4:2010 *Retroreflective materials and devices for road traffic control purposes Part 4: High visibility materials for safety garments*.

Standards Australia wishes to remind manufacturers of the importance of ensuring that marketing material issued by them is accurate and does not give consumers the impression that their product complies with the current Australian Standard AS/NZS 4602.1:2011 where this is not the case.

As always, manufacturers and other suppliers must ensure that any claims made in relation to compliance with Australian Standards are truthful, accurate and do not mislead consumers. Particular care is required when labelling products for which there may be more than one applicable Australian Standard.

Manufacturers, other suppliers and consumers are also reminded to consult relevant legislation to ensure compliance with all relevant mandatory standards in relation to the manufacture, supply and use of such products, as appropriate to their circumstances.

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