

## **Personal Protection Equipment for Towing Workers Standards 2024**

The Personal Protection Equipment for Towing Workers Standards 2024 (the Standards) applies to:

- a. towing service providers; or
- b. towing workers.

Under the Towing Services Act 2024 and Towing Services Regulations.

The Standards must be complied with at all times when a towing service provider or towing worker is driving, operating, standing, communicating with persons or assisting in the use or operation of a tow truck in Western Australia.

## 1. All persons must at all times wear:

- 1.1. Industrial clothing made from a material which complies with <u>AS 4399:2020;</u>
- 1.2. Fully enclosed protective footwear as classified in <u>AS 2210.3:2019</u> and <u>AS/NZS 2210.5:2009</u>;
- 1.3. Reflective clothing, which is clearly visible, and which may be:
  - 1.3.1. during daylight hours a fluorescent shirt, which complies with AS 4602.1:2024;
  - 1.3.2. during **daylight** hours a vest or jacket which complies with <u>AS 4602.1:2024</u>; or
  - 1.3.3. during hours of **darkness** a fluorescent shirt, vest or jacket that also has reflective markings and meets <u>AS 4399:2020</u>, <u>AS/NZS 1906.4:2023</u> and <u>AS 4602.1:2024</u>.

## 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 <u>AS/NZS 1906.4:2023</u>.

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

- 3.1. Protective gloves, which comply with <u>AS/NZS 2161.3:2020</u>, meeting at least a level three against the blade cut resistance test and level two against the puncture resistance test. Also meeting or exceeding tests for impact protection and the D rating for EN 388:2016 ISO cut resistance, when preparing a motor vehicle to be loaded onto or unloaded from a tow truck;
- 3.2. Chemical gloves, when their protective gloves do not meet the following requirements, which comply with <u>AS/NZS 2161.10.1:2024</u>, and are either Type A or B gloves when dealing with chemical risks surrounding a crash site;
- 3.3. Surgical gloves, when either their chemical or protective gloves do not meet the following requirements, which comply with either <u>EN 374-5:2016</u> or <u>ISO 374-5:2024</u> for micro-organism, including virus risks, when dealing with blood and fluids in or around a motor vehicle;
- 3.4. Protective broad spectrum sunscreen lotion, cream, lip balm or spray with a minimum SPF rating of 50+;
- 3.5. Headwear that complies with <u>AS 4399:2020</u> and provides UPF 50+ sun protection for your head, face, ears and neck; and
- 3.6. Protective sunglasses of a standard of at least the <u>AS 1067.1:2016 Amd 1:2021</u>, as varied by section 8 of the <u>Commonwealth Consumer Goods (Sunglasses and Fashion Spectacles)</u> <u>Safety Standard 2017</u>.