

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL	
Section: G. Emergency Medical Services	Effective Date: May 9, 2018
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PURPOSE

To outline when protective equipment and protective devices are worn when required.

APPLICATION

Paramedics, Superintendents, any Authorized Observers

RISK STATEMENT

Provide necessary protective equipment for the safety of the paramedics in the performance of services in various working environment.

PROCEDURE

Rational for use

To maintain the safety through the use of the Manta Helmet with Anti-Scratch coating internal visor as Safety Eyewear, High Visibility vest/ arm bands, and Work Gloves.

Usage:

1. The following is a listing of circumstances when a Helmet and Safety Eyewear must be worn as a minimum
 - All motor vehicle extrications and collisions
 - Industrial sites where head protection is mandatory. All construction sites
 - Working fire standby's
 - Traversing through heavy foliage
 - Severe weather conditions where flying debris or elements of nature could cause injury
 - Air Ambulance responses
 - Situations where the leading on-site authority has directed you to wear the safety helmet

2. High Visibility Traffic Vest must be worn at a minimum under the following circumstances



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- Where the employee may be endangered by vehicular traffic
 - Where there is more than one (1) emergency service responding
 - Where identification or visibility is of utmost importance (i.e. walking through a forest)
3. High Visibility Arm Bands must be worn in conjunction with the high visibility vest when the employee is not wearing their uniform jacket with high visibility tape around the arms or a uniform shirt with high visibility reflective tape sewn around the arms.
 4. Work gloves may be indicated where there may be the potential for hand injury due to glass, sharp metal objects etc.

REFERENCE

Occupational Health and Safety Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter 0.1
(Last Amendment 2018) Section 25, (1), 27, (1), 28, (1).

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