

## 2009 MUTCD Proposed Revision

The Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) which will lead to the 2009 revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) was posted to the Federal Register on January 2, 2008. This is significant for several reasons and will affect the occupational high-visibility apparel marketplace for years to come. Assuming the final issued MUTCD does not change appreciably from this draft, then:

- (1) The MUTCD will become the primary regulatory document mandating the use of high-visibility apparel for all affected workers in the U.S.
- (2) Current 23 CFR Part 634 language will be absorbed into the MUTCD, and 23 CFR Part 634 will be discontinued when the 2009 MUTCD is adopted
- (3) Mandatory use areas will expand beyond Federal-aid highways and will cover all roads “open to public travel,” i.e., any road where you can drive a car without passing through a traffic control gate, including private property
- (4) The use of ANSI/ISEA 207-2006 Public Safety Vest compliant garments will be included as an option for first responders to meet requirements of this regulation
- (5) The 2009 MUTCD is expected to be adopted before the end of the year. 23 CFR Part 634 will remain in force until that adoption, although the MUTCD’s changes are already being planned for by the industry

**Note:** This document summarizes the MUTCD 2009 draft document only, and the final provisions of MUTCD 2009 may differ from the draft

### Federal Register Link to View the Public Notice:

<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/ContentViewer?objectId=09000064803815f0&disposition=attachment&contentType=pdf>

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