

**COLD-WEATHER APPAREL THAT KEEPS YOUR  
WORKFORCE WINTER READY**

From fumbling fingers to frostbite, working outside in the

employees. The right winter work gear can help prevent the  
to your health. Protect your extremities with safety gear that's  
designed to perform in these conditions. These are some  
should look for in hats, gloves, or footwear:

- » and the cold out, so your gear should have a level of
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- » Breathability—The best cold-weather clothing is
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- » on your skin (which can make you colder when it dries).

## COLD WEATHER CLOTHES

hazards? If it does, think about how you need to differentiate  
Institute (ANSI) Hi-Vis Standards to find out whether your hi-  
In cold environments, you'll often be dealing with weather  
conditions like snow, sleet, or rain. These conditions can make  
you a lot harder to see, so hi-vis gear is crucial if you'll be

Choose a fabric that will help keep your head cool. This is

weather, you will need to consider what kind of durability,  
flexibility and padding you need from your gloves. Some things

- » If you'll be working in cold weather, the gloves you choose
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- » winter weather, waterproofing is also a key feature.
  
- » High-dexterity gloves are a popular option. These gloves
  
- » have flex points built into key areas to allow them to
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- » from being crushed or otherwise damaged. These gloves
  
- » contain dorsal protection in areas like the fingers and the
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- » High-visibility gloves can add an extra touch of visibility
  
- » that helps workers stay safe and stay seen. They can also

Protecting your feet is another important part of choosing the  
best cold-weather clothing. Here are some factors to consider

- »
  
- » are on their feet throughout the day. These socks help draw
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- » you work, which is crucial for comfort and helps prevent

There's no doubt that winter weather imposes additional

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