

## Hard Hat Colours

VolkerWessels UK are adopting a common safety helmet colour standard to clearly identify roles through helmet colour, indicating the level of responsibility and / or competence on site. This complements the industry standard, which has also been adopted by major clients, to help address inconsistency across the industry.

This new standard applies to staff, subcontractors and visitors with immediate effect and it is expected that all VW UK sites comply with the new requirements by 30 April 2018.

Note the Network Rail requirement permitting only white and blue helmets still applies.

On small short-duration sites a colour standard may be impractical and in these cases using a default colour of white is permitted as is general current practice. This will be at the discretion of the Site Manager and a Health & Safety Manager. Exception is also given when not working as Principal Contractor and the PC mandates alternative requirements.

Hard hats and associated accessories are readily available from our PPE suppliers Direct Corporate Clothing and updated PPE catalogues reflecting the new requirements are available from 2 Feb 2018. The full range of colours will be applicable in catalogues for all non-rail operations whilst the new first aid, fire marshal and reflective silver decal stickers apply to all catalogues.

### Requirements (for non-rail operations)



**White**

General use (including sites where colour coding is impractical), manager, competent person (including specialist roles e.g. HSEQ), delivery drivers.



**Blue**

Site Visitor (excluding competent staff visitor)



**Black**

Site Supervisors



**Orange**

Slinger / Signaller

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### Additional requirements - first aiders, fire marshals and reflective stickers

Staff safety helmets for **First Aiders** and **Fire Marshals** should also bear the new decal kit as appropriate. **The new triangular stickers work in conjunction with each other, enabling individuals to bear either designation or both.** They are supplied in sets of three per helmet and must be applied in accordance with the pictures below.



**Silver reflective markings decal kits** are available (as above) in the catalogues and are preferred, particularly for working in the public highway and / or night works. All other prior reflective marking decal kit colours have been removed from the PPE catalogues, only silver is permitted.

Please note colours of high-visibility clothing will be maintained as yellow for non-rail and orange for rail operations. No other colour variations are permitted to designate additional duties. Printed text on the back of high-vis vests / jackets is permitted to demonstrate certain duties, for example Traffic Marshals.

If you have any questions please contact your Health and Safety Manager.