

Best Practice: Yellow Security Vests



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Location:	Port of Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
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Description: Security personnel wear bright yellow, reflective vests for safety and security.

Discussion: Operations at port facilities, both large and small, involve numerous personnel: security, other port employees and agencies, visitors, vendors, stevedores, ships' crew, etc. These personnel must display their port identification at all times. However, their role is not immediately apparent, unless one is in close proximity. These yellow, reflective security vests make security personnel highly visible at all times. This allows persons on the facility to quickly identify and contact security personnel in case of a security incident. Security personnel can also easily identify one another. The presence of security personnel is apparent at all times, and may deter potential breaches of security. This practice was also observed at port facilities in the Port of Akureyri.

Potential Down-side: Port personnel without a security role, as well as unauthorized persons, could obtain a security vest and be mistaken for security personnel.

Cost: The cost is approximately \$20-\$40 (USD) per vest, depending upon the manufacturer, features and quantity ordered.

Conclusion: This practice is a relatively inexpensive way to ensure security personnel are visible.