



10 Questions about Laundering Bulwark® Flame Resistant High Visibility Garments at Home

1. *What wash cycle and water temperature should I use?*

Wash in a Normal or Cotton cycle at any water temperature up to a maximum of 140°F (60°C). Hotter water temperatures may be required to remove oily soils. It is important to remove flammable soils as soon as possible as they can serve as fuel.

2. *How do I wash these garments?*

Use soft water (less than 4.0 grains). Hard water contains mineral salts that can form insoluble deposits on the surface of fabrics that can negate the flame resistant characteristics or serve as fuel if garments are exposed to an ignition source. Use any typical home laundry detergent. Do not use tallow soap. Home wash products are clearly labeled. For example, "Tide® detergent" or "Dial® soap" is stated on the package. Stains may be treated with any of the commercial stain removal products. **Do not use chlorine bleach or liquid non-chlorine bleaches.**

3. *Do I have to wash these garments separately?*

Wash Bulwark flame resistant high visibility garments separately to avoid damaging the luminescent effect.

4. *What about other laundry aids?*

Starch, fabric softeners, and other laundry additives can coat the fiber and mask luminescent and flame resistant performance. They may also serve as fuel in case of combustion. Their use is not recommended.

5. *What about drying and ironing?*

Do not overdry. Dry on Permanent Press or Low setting. If dried either too long or too hot you may get excessive shrinkage. If desired, iron on Permanent Press/Low settings. Do not use starch.

6. *Any other suggestions?*

Turn the garments inside out before wash to reduce streaking from abrasion of stiff new fabric. Load the washer no more than 2/3 full with garments and use the high water level setting.

7. *Can these garments be dry cleaned?*

Yes, these garments can be dry cleaned by either petroleum solvent or perchloroethylene.

8. *When is dry cleaning recommended?*

If garments are heavily soiled with oil or grease, dry cleaning is recommended because this is more effective in removing these type contaminants.

9. *How do I repair these garments?*

Minor repairs that do not affect the integrity of the garment may be made using the repair kits available from Bulwark Customer Care.

10. *Can the flame resistant properties be removed?*

When washed by the prescribed laundry procedures, the durability of the flame resistance of these garments is guaranteed for the useful wear life of the garment.

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