

Highway and use of the Public Space code.



Veste de sécurité rétro réfléchissante
High visibility retroreflective jacket (safety jacket)



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As of 01 February 2007,

- **on the motorways and on the motor-vehicle roads**
- **in case of breakdown**
- **the driver immobilizing his/her vehicle in an area where waiting and parking are forbidden**
- **MUST wear a safety jacket as soon as he/she gets out of the vehicle.**

What are the consequences?

What kind of safety jacket?

It must be self-reflective. The Belgian law requests no legal standard. The European standard is EN471 (some European countries have made the European standard mandatory)

Who must wear it?

The **driver** (it is recommended that passengers do not stay inside the vehicle but are requested to wait behind the safety barriers when possible)

When must I wear it?

Day and night

In which circumstances?

In case of **breakdown** (which means also in case of accident) when the vehicle is immobilized where **waiting** and **parking** are **forbidden**.

What is a motorway?

The beginning of a motorway is indicated by means of a sign F5 and the end with sign F7.



sign F5



sign F7

What is a motor-vehicle road?

The beginning of a motor-vehicle road is indicated by means of a sign F9 and the end with sign F11.



sign F9



sign F11

Where do I wait or park on a motorway or a motor-vehicle road?

On parking areas indicated with sign E9a



More questions?

Do not hesitate to contact my colleagues from the **SHAPE Federal Police**

Don't be caught – Forewarned is forearmed.

Remark: Some other European countries have already implemented the same rules. It might not be mandatory to have a safety jacket in the vehicle but to wear it, is requested under the same conditions as described here above.

Do not hesitate to visit <http://www.vab.be/fr/actueel/> select “Dossiers”, than “Vacances en voiture” and click on “gillet fluo” (French en Dutch languages) or http://www.code-route.com/echange_europe.htm (French)

Examples:

Italy	You should carry at least one reflective safety jacket in your vehicle and wear it when standing with, inspecting or repairing your vehicle if you are on a public highway.
Czech Republic	Since January 2005, all private cars, including those of foreign visitors, must carry: one fluorescent green high visibility safety jacket, one first aid kit, one spare pair of prescription glasses (if necessary) kept in the glove compartment, one warning triangle and one complete set of spare bulbs.

You might be able to find more information on:

www.highviz.co.uk/eshop/index.php?main_page=page_4

www.britishembassy.gov.uk

www.worldtravelguide.net