

Best Practice: Color Coded and Stenciled Work Clothes for Port Employees

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Description: Worker identification numbers stenciled on the shirt.

Discussion: All port employees are required to wear port issued work clothes. These clothes are color coded to identify the type of work and position the employee holds. In addition to this each shirt is stenciled with the employees port issued identification number. This number appears in large bold print on the back of the shirt, which can be clearly read by the security personnel monitoring the security cameras. New work clothes are issued every six-months in exchange for the old ones which are then destroyed.

Potential Down-side: This requires another layer of administrative support, distributing, managing and destroying all port employees work clothes.

Conclusion: Both color-coded and stenciled work clothes provide an excellent, low cost mechanism of visually assessing who should and should not be present in the port facility/work area.

Cost: Cost would be minimal but would depend on type and quality of work clothes purchased.