

**FIVE STRATEGIES TO SIDESTEP SUPPLY-CHAIN DELAYS
OF CRITICAL SAFETY CLOTHING COMPONENTS**

Supply-chain delays are often an inconvenience, but can also be an employee safety issue. Global supply-chain disruptions

So, what can construction business owners do to stay ahead of safety gear supply-chain delays? Consider the following five strategies to help mitigate the impact of high-visibility apparel supply-chain delays to ensure employees have proper safety attire.

1. CONDUCT AN INVENTORY ASSESSMENT

Conduct a full inventory of the high-visibility safety apparel you have on hand and the supplies you might be running low on. Then review your outlook for the rest of 2022.

Assess not only your immediate needs, but also consider what your needs will be throughout the year. Is your firm expecting an increase or decrease in demand? Has your firm landed large new contracts that will require a large increase in safety equipment? Is your firm anticipating an increase in projects because of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act? Is your firm venturing into a new sector that will result in significant growth? In addition, examine past purchase-order lead times so you have a baseline for adjusting replacement timelines.

2. EVALUATE SHIPPING DELAYS

Next, contact your vendor and ask how supply-chain delays are impacting their services, if at all. Ask for estimates of delivery times for specific products you expect to order. Find out which products your supplier has in stock and which products are delayed. Examine current (p040057005) EMC me 11 availability (72t)11 (ed.)7cts

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