

Personal Protective Equipment and Protective Head Gear While Conducting CVSA Inspections	Amended	Inspection and Enforcement New Brunswick/Highway Safety Enforcement	3.1.1
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1. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this policy is to provide Highway Safety Enforcement (HSE) Officers direction pertaining to the requirement for wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and use of force equipment when conducting Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Level 1 and 7 Inspections. This amended policy will replace former policies titled “Personal Protective Equipment While Conducting CVSA Inspections and “Protective Head Gear.”

2. Definitions

- A. Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Inspection: means inspections carried out by Highway Safety Enforcement (HSE) Officers who are certified CVSA Inspectors. The CVSA Standards are enforced all over Canada, the United States, and Mexico.
- B. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): means any protective equipment issued by the Department of Justice and Public Safety and includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - i. Safety helmet (department issued)
 - ii. Safety glasses

3. Level 1 and 7 only Inspections

- A. When conducting Level 1 and 7 CVSA inspections, inspections shall be conducted by a minimum of two (2) HSE Officers.
- B. The Officer conducting inspection: Has the option not to wear departmentally issued use of force equipment but must wear PPE while conducting Level 1 and 7 inspections only.
- C. The Officer not conducting the inspection: Must wear departmentally issued use of force equipment, and either their issued jacket turned to the yellow side or wear a traffic safety vest.
- D. Should the Officer decide to forgo wearing the use of force equipment, the Officer must store their use of force equipment as follows:
 - i. Sidearm, O.C. Spray, & Baton: lock boxes (combination lock or key entry) will be installed(out-of-sight) in all patrol vehicles to house the officer’s sidearm, O.C. Spray, and baton. The Officer’s sidearm must be proven safe and then locked in the lock box (storage must be in accordance with Federal Firearms

Legislation). If the lock box requires a key to gain access, the key must remain on the officer.

- ii. **Duty Belt:** The remainder of the Officer's use of force equipment contained on their duty belt must be stored in a manner in which only the Officer and their partner have access to it in the vehicle (i.e., back seat).
- iii. **Body Armor (Vest):** The Officer is not required to wear their body armor vest while conducting Level 1 and 7 inspections. If they choose not to wear their vest, it must be stored in a way in which only the Officer and their partner have access to it in the vehicle (i.e., back seat). If they choose to wear their vest during the inspection, it must be worn under their coveralls.