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Product Spotlight

This month we are featuring the [Icon line](#) - breathable, high visibility outerwear designed to keep you safe and comfortable in even the worst weather conditions.

Icon and Icon 3.1 gear is created from waterproof, breathable fabric for all-season comfort and is fully loaded with features that offer multipurpose applications, including D-ring access, roll-a-way adjustable hood and hand-warmer side pockets.

"Engineered to provide superior comfort and safety in the

Greetings!

Hello and Happy New Year!

As we move forward in 2012 we are committed to offering you the same exceptional service and products that you've come to expect from Public Works Supply, as well as become more engaged with our clientele via this newsletter, our [website](#) and our social media outlets on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

We wish to learn more about your needs and interests and hope that you'll join the dialogue with questions, comments and requests about the safety topics that interest you most.

Above all, it is our goal to help businesses determine which products they need to allow their workers to go home safely each night.

Sincerely, The Team at Public Works Supply

Evolution of Wet-Weather Protection

In the early days of human history, food and shelter -- from predators and the elements -- were man's greatest concerns. As weapons evolved from clubs to spears - both as protection and as a means for hunting, our clothing also needed to evolve. Primitive raingear was nothing more than animal skins - poorly cured but it kept the wearer mostly dry and warm.

This method sufficed for a several thousand years until

toughest work environments" the Icon Premium is ANSI compliant and ideal for use whenever and wherever high visibility and breathability are desired.

Find out if this Cadillac of coats is right for your crew with a visit to our store or check us out online - we're here to help you find the right gear to keep you safe and comfortable on the job.

Stress Busters

Cold wet weather getting you down? Is it causing stress on the job? A happy worker is a safer worker - check out these cool tips for de-stressing!

Exercise, camaraderie and humor are three great stress relievers. Have a few minutes left on your lunch break? Take a brisk walk around while scoping out your surroundings for something interesting or new. If you have a mobile phone or camera start an album of random pictures of things you see on your walk - you never know what you might discover in your own 'back yard'.

Prefer the buddy-method? Try this technique:
Find a friend who seems to be happy most of the time. With that friend, start brainstorming what stresses both of you out. Talk about what causes you stress and ask your friend about their stress-triggers. Then ask yourself would you rather have your friend's stress or your own? If you'd rather be your friend, ask him/her how they handle their stress. You might discover some great tricks for coping!

the next innovation came along - the umbrella. Considered to be a case of convergent evolution the umbrella has been attributed to Egyptian, Assyrian, Greek and Chinese cultures - however it was, for certain, the Chinese who up-graded the tool by coating their umbrellas in tung oil to create a waterproof barrier that offered suitable protection from the rain as well as shade from the sun. Jump ahead another few thousand years to the eighteenth century, when Europeans began experimenting with waterproofing fabric for clothing.

In 1748 François Fresneau devised an early idea for waterproofing fabric and Scotland's John Syme made further waterproofing advances in 1815. 1821 saw the advent of the first raincoat which was made by G. Fox of London, it was called the Fox's Aquatic. The raincoat was made of Gambroon, a twill-type fabric with mohair - which was ungainly to wear. In 1823 Charles Macintosh - who could easily be called the Father of Modern Raingear -- patented a method for making waterproof garments... [\(read more\)](#)

Don't forget your hat!



Want to really stay warm, cozy and protected? Don't forget a hat. Your grandparents were right when they said you lose most of your body heat through your head than any other body part. Your body will do anything to keep your brain warm and protected - so make sure you do your part and pop a cap on before you head out. We offer a full line of [waterproof](#) and [Hi-Vis hats](#) for your comfort and safety.

Thank you for choosing Public Works Supply for your needs. It's our mission to help you find everything you require for on the job safety and compliance. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to further assist you - your feedback is important to us.

Sincerely,

Linda Hill
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If all else fails...

...Click on the [pig](#).
Laughter always helps

Follow-up Links

[Stress Relief Pig](#)

[How to wash a raincoat](#)

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.

~John Ruskin

About Public Works Supply:

Public Works Supply is a full-line, safety supply distributor, specializing in Temporary Traffic Control Products, Fall Protection, and Confined Space Equipment, as well as competent on-site training and inspection.

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