

**RCW 70.87.120 Inspectors—Inspections and reinspections—
Suspension or revocation of permit—Order to discontinue use—Penalties
—Investigation by department—Waiver of provisions during state of
emergency.** (1) The department shall appoint and employ inspectors, as
may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, under
the provisions of the rules adopted by the Washington personnel
resources board in accordance with chapter 41.06 RCW.

(2) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the
department shall cause all conveyances to be inspected and tested at
least once each year. Inspectors have the right during reasonable
hours to enter into and upon any building or premises in the discharge
of their official duties, for the purpose of making any inspection or
testing any conveyance contained thereon or therein. Inspections and
tests shall conform with the rules adopted by the department. The
department shall inspect all installations before it issues any
initial permit for operation. Permits shall not be issued until the
fees required by this chapter have been paid.

(b) (i) Private residence conveyances operated exclusively for
single-family use shall be inspected and tested only when required
under RCW 70.87.100 or as necessary for the purposes of subsection (4)
of this section and shall be exempt from RCW 70.87.090 unless an
annual inspection and operating permit are requested by the owner.

(ii) The department may perform additional inspections of a
private residence conveyance at the request of the owner of the
conveyance. Fees for these inspections shall be in accordance with the
schedule of fees adopted for operating permits pursuant to RCW
70.87.030. An inspection requested under this subsection (2) (b) (ii)
shall not be performed until the required fees have been paid.

(3) If inspection shows a conveyance to be in an unsafe
condition, the department shall issue an inspection report in writing
requiring the repairs or alterations to be made to the conveyance that
are necessary to render it safe and may also suspend or revoke a
permit pursuant to RCW 70.87.125 or order the operation of a
conveyance discontinued pursuant to RCW 70.87.145.

(a) A penalty may be assessed under RCW 70.87.185 for failure to
correct a violation within ninety days after the owner is notified in
writing of inspection results.

(b) The owner may be assessed a penalty under RCW 70.87.185 for
failure to submit official notification in writing to the department
that all corrections have been completed.

(4) The department may investigate accidents and alleged or
apparent violations of this chapter.

(5) During a state of emergency declared under RCW 43.06.010(12),
the governor may waive or suspend the collection of fees under this
section or any portion of this section or under any administrative
rule, and issue any orders to facilitate the operation of state or
local government or to promote and secure the safety and protection of
the civilian population. [2008 c 181 § 207; 1998 c 137 § 4; 1997 c
216 § 2; 1993 c 281 § 61; 1983 c 123 § 13; 1970 ex.s. c 22 § 2; 1963 c
26 § 12.]

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