

**WAC 296-32-23510 Materials handling and storage. (1) Poles.**

(a) When working with poles in piles or stacks, work must be performed from the ends of the poles and precautions must be taken for the safety of employees at the other end of the pole.

(b) During pole hauling operations, all loads must be secured to prevent displacement. Lights, reflectors and/or flags must be displayed on the end and sides of the load as required by the department of transportation.

(c) The requirements for installation, removal, or other handling of poles in pole lines are prescribed in WAC 296-32-23516 and 296-32-23518 which pertains to overhead lines.

(d) The operator must not leave their position at the controls (while a load is suspended), unless the hoisting machinery is equipped with a positive locking system and for the sole purpose of assisting in positioning the load prior to landing it.

(e) Prior to unloading steel, poles, crossarms, and similar material, the load must be thoroughly examined to ascertain that the load has not shifted, that binders or stakes have not broken, and that the load is not otherwise hazardous to employees.

(2) Cable reels. Cable reels and poles in storage must be checked or otherwise restrained to prevent uncontrollable movement.

(3) All tools and materials must be stored in a safe and orderly manner.

(4) Employees must not carry loose materials, tools, or equipment on or in vehicles in a manner that would constitute a hazard.

(5) All buildings, storage yards, equipment and other property must be kept in a clean, sanitary and orderly manner.

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