## WAC 296-900-11015 Renewing a temporary variance.

## **IMPORTANT:**

Temporary variances can be renewed up to two times, for up to one hundred eighty days each time.

- (1) You must apply for a temporary variance renewal at least ninety days before the temporary variance expires.
- (2) You must send a letter, explaining why more time is needed to fulfill the current requirements.

## What to expect from WISHA:

- (3) A review of the temporary variance renewal request.
- If more information is needed to make a decision, WISHA may:
- (a) Contact you or others who may have the needed information.
- (b) Visit your workplace after contacting you to make arrangements.
- (c) Deny your request if you do not provide information needed to make a decision.
- (4) A decision at least twenty-one calendar days from when the request was posted for employees.

The twenty-one-day period allows employees time to request a hearing on your temporary variance renewal. See Variance hearings, WAC 296-900-11025.

- (5) A written decision either granting or denying the temporary variance renewal request.
- (a) If granted, the written decision will include all of the following:
  - (i) The requirements for which the temporary variance applies.
  - (ii) The locations where the temporary variance applies.
- (iii) What you must do as an alternative means of protecting employees.
  - (iv) The effective date of the temporary variance.
  - (v) An expiration date for the temporary variance.
  - (vi) The requirement to post the decision.
  - (b) If denied, the written decision will include:
  - (i) A brief statement with reasons for the denial.
  - (ii) The requirement to post the decision.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 17-18-075, § 296-900-11015, filed 9/5/17, effective 10/6/17; WSR 06-06-020, § 296-900-11015, filed 2/21/06, effective 6/1/06.]