

WAC 296-56-60245 Battery charging and changing. (1) You must make sure only designated persons change or charge batteries.

(2) You must make sure battery charging and changing is only performed in areas you have designated for battery charging and changing.

(3) You must prohibit smoking and other ignition sources in charging areas.

(4) You must make sure filler caps are in place when batteries are being moved.

(5) You must apply parking brakes before batteries are charged or changed.

(6) You must make sure when a jumper battery is connected to a battery in a vehicle, the ground lead must connect to ground away from the vehicle's battery. Ignition, lights and accessories on the vehicle must be turned off before connections are made.

(7) You must make sure batteries are free of corrosion buildup and cap vent holes are open.

(8) You must provide adequate ventilation during charging.

(9) You must provide facilities for flushing the eyes, body and work area with water wherever electrolyte is handled, except when employees are only checking battery electrolyte levels or adding water.

(10) You must use carboy tilters or siphons to handle electrolyte in large containers.

(11) You must insulate or otherwise protect battery handling equipment which could contact battery terminals or cell connectors.

(12) You must make sure metallic objects are not placed on uncovered batteries.

(13) You must make sure vent caps are in place when batteries are being charged.

(14) You must turn off chargers when leads are being connected or disconnected.

(15) You must secure installed batteries to avoid physical or electrical contact with compartment walls or components.

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