

WAC 16-101-800 Raw milk warning labels. (1) This rule is promulgated under authority of RCW 15.36.021(1) and 15.130.120 and applies to containers of raw milk intended for sale to consumers in the state of Washington.

(2) The purpose is to inform consumers about possible harm that may occur from consuming raw milk that contains harmful microorganisms and to warn purchasers about known hazards associated with the consumption of raw milk so that they may make informed choices about buying these products.

(3) A raw milk container must bear the following labeling: **WARNING:** *This product has not been pasteurized and may contain harmful bacteria. Pregnant women, children, the elderly and persons with lowered resistance to disease have the highest risk of harm from use of this product.*

(4) The raw milk warning labels must meet the following requirements:

(a) The warning label type size must be consistent with the type size of other required labeling, but not less than one-sixteenth inch in height.

(b) The warning label must be conspicuous and in contrasting color from other labeling.

(c) The warning label must be prominently displayed on the container's principal display panel.

(d) The warning label must be clearly readable.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.36.021 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 19-09-008, § 16-101-800, filed 4/5/19, effective 5/6/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 15.36.021(1) and 69.04.398(3). WSR 97-19-045, § 16-101-800, filed 9/11/97, effective 10/12/97.]