

WAC 296-155-020 Housekeeping. (1) You must keep all places of employment clean to the extent that the nature of the work allows.

(2) To facilitate cleaning, you must keep every floor, working surface, and passageway free from protruding nails, splinters, loose boards or openings.

(3) You must perform cleaning and sweeping in such a manner as to minimize the contamination of the air with dust.

(4) In areas where workers may pass or perform duties, you must remove all debris and accumulations of material. You must cover hoses and electrical conductors across aisles or passageways or suspend them overhead so that there is no tripping hazard.

(5) Where mechanical handling equipment is used, you must allow sufficient safe clearances for aisles, at loading docks, through doorways and wherever turns or passages must be made. You must mark such aisles and passageways.

(6) Storage of material must not create a hazard. You must store bags, containers, bundles, construction materials and other equipment in tiers, stacked, blocked or interlocked. They must be limited in height so that they are stable and secure against falling, sliding, or collapse.

(7) You must maintain free access at all times to all exits, fire alarm boxes, fire extinguishing equipment, and any other emergency equipment. Free access means clear of all obstructions.

(8) You must keep working and storage areas free from accumulation of materials that pose hazards of tripping, fire, explosion, or pest harborage. You must exercise vegetation control.

(9) You must keep all lunchrooms, washrooms and restrooms in a clean and sanitary condition. Garbage cans in lunchrooms and restrooms must be equipped with fitted covers and the contents disposed of daily.

(10) During the course of construction, alteration, repair or demolition of buildings and structures, you must ensure continuous clean-up of your work area, including removal of all rubble, scrap, boxes, crates and excess material to trash disposal areas.

(11) You must provide containers for the collection and separation of waste, trash, oily or used rags, and other refuse. Containers used for garbage and other oily, flammable or hazardous wastes, such as caustics, acids, harmful dusts or similar materials must be equipped with covers. You must dispose of common garbage and other waste at frequent and regular intervals. You must store and dispose of chemical agents or substances which might react to create a hazardous condition separately. You must handle, accumulate and dispose of all hazardous wastes which are subject to the requirements of chapter 173-303 WAC in accordance with that chapter.

(12) You must maintain all floors and walkways in good condition. You must repair or replace loose or broken components. You must ensure secure footing on all floors and walkways.

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