

WAC 296-155-17319 Protective work clothing and equipment. (1)

Provision and use. Where employees are subject to dermal exposure to MDA, where liquids containing MDA can be splashed into the eyes, or where airborne concentrations of MDA are in excess of the PEL, the employer must provide, at no cost to the employee, and ensure that the employee uses, appropriate protective work clothing and equipment which prevent contact with MDA such as, but not limited to:

- (a) Aprons, coveralls, or other full-body work clothing;
- (b) Gloves, head coverings, and foot coverings; and
- (c) Face shields, chemical goggles; or
- (d) Other appropriate protective equipment which comply with WAC 296-24-078.

(2) Removal and storage.

(a) You must ensure that, at the end of their work shift, employees remove MDA-contaminated protective work clothing and equipment that is not routinely removed throughout the day in change areas provided in accordance with the provisions in WAC 296-155-17321.

(b) You must ensure that, during their work shift, employees remove all other MDA-contaminated protective work clothing or equipment before leaving a regulated area.

(c) You must ensure that no employee takes MDA-contaminated work clothing or equipment out of the decontamination areas, except those employees authorized to do so for the purpose of laundering, maintenance, or disposal.

(d) You must place, store, and transport MDA-contaminated work clothing or equipment in sealed, impermeable bags, or other closed impermeable containers.

(e) You must label containers of MDA-contaminated protective work clothing or equipment which are to be taken out of decontamination areas or the workplace for cleaning, maintenance, or disposal, warning of the hazards of MDA.

(3) Cleaning and replacement.

(a) You must provide the employee with clean protective clothing and equipment. The employer must ensure that protective work clothing or equipment required by this section is cleaned, laundered, repaired, or replaced at intervals appropriate to maintain its effectiveness.

(b) You must prohibit the removal of MDA from protective work clothing or equipment by blowing, shaking, or any methods which allow MDA to reenter the workplace.

(c) You must ensure that laundering of MDA-contaminated clothing is done so as to prevent the release of MDA in the workplace.

(d) Any employer who gives MDA-contaminated clothing to another person for laundering must inform such person of the requirement to prevent the release of MDA.

(e) You must inform any person who launders or cleans protective clothing or equipment contaminated with MDA of the potentially harmful effects of exposure.

(4) Visual examination.

(a) You must ensure that employees' work clothing is examined periodically for rips or tears that may occur during performance of work.

(b) When rips or tears are detected, you must repair and replace the protective equipment or clothing immediately.

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