

WAC 296-305-06001 Fire service equipment. (1) All portable equipment must be inspected routinely to ensure that it is ready for use.

(2) Any defective equipment must be removed from service.

(3) Nylon utility straps or straps of equivalent strength should be used instead of hose belts. The utility strap must be of one-inch nylon, or equivalent belting, with a four-inch overlap and sewn with polyester thread and must measure at least 102 inches on the outside circumference.

(4) The load capacity must be stenciled on each portable jack and the load capacity must not be exceeded.

(5) The instruction plate on portable jacks must be maintained in a legible condition.

(6) Portable powered cut-off saws (rescue saws) must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Exception: The lower blade guard described in WAC 296-807-12005 is not required on hand-held portable powered cut-off saws used by fire/rescue personnel for rescue procedures and/or roof ventilation for smoke removal, provided the operator is wearing appropriate eye, face, head, and body protection as specified in WAC 296-305-02001 through 296-305-02012. This exception also applies to qualified persons (e.g., instructors) wearing personal protective equipment as described herein to instruct personnel in safe roof ventilation/rescue techniques.

(7) When not in use, the cutting teeth on a chain saw must be covered either by an old section of hose, a wooden scabbard, or an equivalent method.

(8) All axes worn by employees must be provided with a scabbard to guard against injury from the blade and pick of the axe.

(9) The guards on smoke ejectors, as supplied by the manufacturer, must not be removed and the operator of the ejector must wear gloves.

(10) Acetylene cylinders. Handling, storage and utilization of acetylene in cylinders must be in accordance with the Compressed Gas Association Pamphlet G-1 - 2003 edition.

(11) Powder activated life-line guns and accessories must be stored in a box or container equipped with a lid or cover.

(a) The box must be kept closed when not in use.

(b) A loaded life-line gun must not be placed in the storage box.

(c) Instruction books, cleaning kits and hand tools needed for maintenance or breakdown purposes must be kept in the life-line gun storage box.

(d) The words "powder activated tool" must be conspicuously printed on the top of the storage box.

(12) Abrasive blades in storage, not on a saw, must be protected from contact with water, liquids, petroleum products and their fumes.

(13) Fiber rope that has been subjected to injurious chemicals or excessive heat must not be used for load carrying purposes.

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