

WAC 296-62-08019 Hygiene areas and practices. (1) General.

(a) General industry, shipyards, marine terminals and longshoring. Where protective clothing and equipment is required, the employer must provide change rooms in conformance with WAC 296-800-230, Sanitation and hygiene facilities and procedures. Where skin contact with chromium (VI) occurs, the employer must provide washing facilities in conformance with WAC 296-800-230, Sanitation and hygiene facilities and procedures. Eating and drinking areas provided by the employer must also be in conformance with WAC 296-800-230, Sanitation and hygiene facilities and procedures.

(b) Construction. Where protective clothing and equipment is required, the employer must provide change rooms in conformance with WAC 296-155-17321, Hygiene facilities and practices. Where skin contact with chromium (VI) occurs, the employer must provide washing facilities in conformance with WAC 296-155-17321, Hygiene facilities and practices. Eating and drinking areas provided by the employer must also be in conformance with WAC 296-155-17321, Hygiene facilities and practices.

(2) Change rooms. The employer must ensure that change rooms are equipped with separate storage facilities for protective clothing and equipment and for street clothes, and that these facilities prevent cross-contamination.

(3) Washing facilities.

(a) The employer must provide readily accessible washing facilities capable of removing chromium (VI) from the skin, and must ensure that affected employees use these facilities when necessary.

(b) The employer must ensure that employees who have skin contact with chromium (VI) wash their hands and faces at the end of the work shift and prior to eating, drinking, smoking, chewing tobacco or gum, applying cosmetics, or using the toilet.

(4) Eating and drinking areas.

(a) Whenever the employer allows employees to consume food or beverages at a worksite where chromium (VI) is present, the employer must ensure that eating and drinking areas and surfaces are maintained as free as practicable of chromium (VI).

(b) The employer must ensure that employees do not enter eating and drinking areas with protective work clothing or equipment unless surface chromium (VI) has been removed from the clothing and equipment by methods that do not disperse chromium (VI) into the air or onto an employee's body.

(5) Prohibited activities. The employer must ensure that employees do not eat, drink, smoke, chew tobacco or gum, or apply cosmetics in areas where skin or eye contact with chromium (VI) occurs; or carry the products associated with these activities, or store such products in these areas.

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