

WAC 296-32-22515 First aid. This section is designed to ensure that all employees in this state are afforded quick and effective first-aid attention in the event of an on-the-job injury.

(1) For fixed locations, the employer must make sure that first-aid trained personnel are available to provide prompt first aid. Designated first-aid trained personnel must have a valid first-aid certificate.

(2) For field work involving two or more employees at a work location, at least two trained persons holding a valid first-aid and CPR certificate must be available.

(3) Employees working alone must have basic first-aid training and hold a valid first-aid certificate. The first-aid certificate can be in electronic format.

(4) The first-aid kits and supplies requirements of the safety and health core rules, WAC 296-800-15020, apply within the scope of this chapter.

(5) When practical, a poster must be fastened and maintained either on or in the cover of each first-aid kit and at or near all phones plainly stating the worksite address or location, and the phone numbers of emergency medical responders for the worksite.

(6) All vehicles used to transport an employee or work crews must be equipped with first-aid supplies.

(7) Any employer with employees who operate, maintain, or construct high voltage lines and equipment or who conduct line-clearance tree trimming in close proximity to high voltage lines and equipment must:

(a) Make an automated external defibrillator available, similar to first-aid kits under WAC 296-800-15020(1), and accessible to employees when work is being performed on, or in close proximity to, high voltage lines and equipment by two or more employees;

(b) Conduct regular maintenance, in accordance with the manufacturer instructions, and conduct annual inspections of the automated external defibrillator to ensure operability and availability; and

(c) Provide training or facilitate the provision of training to ensure there are at least two employees proficient on the proper and safe use of the automated external defibrillator at any site involving work on, or in close proximity to, high voltage lines and equipment. To be considered proficient, an employee must have completed initial or updated training within the previous two years.

(8) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Close proximity" refer to WAC 296-32-23518 and 296-32-23520.

(b) "High voltage lines and equipment" refers to any energized communication line, electric supply line, or equipment with a voltage of 601 or greater.

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