

**WAC 296-45-045 NESC applicable.** (1) All electric utilities and entities operating transmission and distribution facilities within the state of Washington must design, construct, operate, and maintain their lines and equipment according to the requirements of the 2017 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) (ANSI-C2), parts (1), (2), and (3).

Note: The department has copies of the NESC available for review at each service location across the state. To purchase a copy, write to:  
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(2) The employer must ensure that climbing space is provided on all poles and structures. The climbing space must meet the requirements of the 2017 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) (ANSI-C2), except that Rule 236H does not apply.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060 and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 19-13-083, § 296-45-045, filed 6/18/19, effective 8/1/19; WSR 16-10-082, § 296-45-045, filed 5/3/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 03-17-071, § 296-45-045, filed 8/19/03, effective 11/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040. WSR 99-09-080, § 296-45-045, filed 4/20/99, effective 8/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, [49.17].040, [49.17].050 and [49.17].060. WSR 98-07-009, § 296-45-045, filed 3/6/98, effective 5/6/98.]