WAC 296-829-30010   Follow safe refueling procedures.   (1) You must make sure refueling areas are safe.

(a) Post "NO SMOKING" signs at all entrances to the refueling area.

(b) Provide at least one thirty-pound fire extinguisher, or a combination totaling thirty pounds, good for class A, B, and C fires, within one hundred feet on the upwind side of the refueling operation.

Reference: For additional requirements relating to portable fire extinguishers, see WAC 296-800-300 in the safety and health core rules.

(2) You must make sure workers involved in refueling are trained in both:

(a) The refueling operation; and

(b) The use of fire extinguishing equipment they may need.

(3) You must make sure the following precautions are taken before and during refueling:

(a) Keep unauthorized people at least fifty feet away from the refueling operation or equipment.

(b) Prohibit smoking and open flames within fifty feet of the re-fueling area or fueling equipment.

(c) Make sure helicopter engines are shut down before refueling, if using aviation gasoline or jet B type fuel.

(d) Pump fuel, either by hand or power.

(e) Use self-closing nozzles or deadman controls:

(i) Do not allow these to be blocked open.

(ii) Make sure nozzles are not dragged along the ground.

(iii) Make sure the helicopter and the fueling equipment are grounded.

(iv) Electrically bond the fueling nozzle to the helicopter.

(v) Do not use conductive hose for this bonding.

(f) Make sure all grounding and bonding connections are:

(i) Electrically and mechanically firm.

(ii) On clean unpainted metal parts.

(4) You must stop fueling **immediately** if there is a spill. Do not continue operation until the person in charge has determined it is safe.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 14-09-095, § 296-829-30010, filed 4/22/14, effective 7/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 04-09-099, § 296-829-30010, filed 4/20/04, effective 9/1/04.]