

WAC 296-850-140 Personal protective clothing and equipment. (1)

Provision and use. The employer must provide at no cost, and ensure that each employee uses, appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment in accordance with the written exposure control plan required under subsection (1) of this section and other applicable requirements for personal protective equipment. (WAC 296-800-160 Summary personal protective equipment (PPE). Chapter 296-155 WAC, Part C, Personal protective and lifesaving equipment. WAC 296-304-090 Personal protective equipment (PPE)—General requirements.):

(a) Where airborne exposure exceeds, or can reasonably be expected to exceed, the TWA PEL or STEL; or

(b) Where there is a reasonable expectation of dermal contact with beryllium.

(2) Removal and storage.

(a) The employer must ensure that each employee removes all beryllium-contaminated personal protective clothing and equipment at the end of the work shift, at the completion of all tasks involving beryllium, or when personal protective clothing or equipment becomes visibly contaminated with beryllium, whichever comes first.

(b) The employer must ensure that each employee removes beryllium-contaminated personal protective clothing and equipment as specified in the written exposure control plan required by WAC 296-850-130(1).

(c) The employer must ensure that each employee stores and keeps beryllium-contaminated personal protective clothing and equipment separate from street clothing and that storage facilities prevent cross-contamination as specified in the written exposure control plan required by WAC 296-850-130(1).

(d) The employer must ensure that no employee removes beryllium-contaminated personal protective clothing or equipment from the workplace, except for employees authorized to do so for the purposes of laundering, cleaning, maintaining or disposing of beryllium-contaminated personal protective clothing and equipment at an appropriate location or facility away from the workplace.

(e) When personal protective clothing or equipment required by this standard is removed from the workplace for laundering, cleaning, maintenance or disposal, the employer must ensure that personal protective clothing and equipment are stored and transported in sealed bags or other closed containers that are impermeable and are labeled in accordance with WAC 296-850-165(3) and chapter 296-901 WAC, Globally harmonized system for hazard communication.

(3) Cleaning and replacement.

(a) The employer must ensure that all reusable personal protective clothing and equipment required by this standard is cleaned, laundered, repaired, and replaced as needed to maintain its effectiveness.

(b) The employer must ensure that beryllium is not removed from beryllium-contaminated personal protective clothing and equipment by blowing, shaking or any other means that disperses beryllium into the air.

(c) The employer must inform in writing the persons or the business entities who launder, clean or repair the personal protective clothing or equipment required by this standard of the potentially harmful effects of exposure to beryllium and that the personal protective clothing and equipment must be handled in accordance with this standard.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and OSH Act of 1970, § 18. WSR 23-07-119, § 296-850-140, filed 3/21/23, effective 4/1/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 18-17-156, § 296-850-140, filed 8/21/18, effective 12/12/18.]