

**WAC 296-59-015 General requirements.** (1) The use of any machinery, tool, material, or equipment which is not in compliance with any applicable requirement of this chapter is prohibited. Such machine, tool, material, or equipment must either be identified as unsafe by tagging or locking the controls to render them inoperable or must be physically removed from its place of operation.

(2) You must permit only those employees qualified by training or experience to operate equipment and machinery.

(3) Employees must use safeguards provided for their protection.

(4) Loose or ragged clothing, scarfs, or ties must not be worn while working around moving machinery.

(5) Workers should not be assigned or permitted to occupy work locations directly under other workers. When such practice is unavoidable, all parties must be made aware of the potential hazard and adequate protective measures must be taken. When adequate protective measures are not available, one party must be moved to eliminate the potential exposure.

(6) Employees must report to their employers the existence of any unsafe equipment or method, or any other hazard which, to their knowledge, is unsafe. Where such unsafe equipment or method or other hazard exists in violation of this chapter it must be corrected.

(7) Housekeeping.

(a) All places of employment must be kept clean to the extent that the nature of the work allows.

(b) The floor of every workroom must be maintained so far as practicable in a dry condition. Where wet processes are used, drainage must be maintained. Where necessary or appropriate, waterproof footwear must be worn.

(c) To facilitate cleaning, every floor, working place, and passageway must be kept free from protruding nails, splinters, loose boards, unnecessary holes and openings or other tripping hazards.

(d) Cleaning and sweeping must be done in such a manner as to minimize the contamination of the air with dust and so far as is practical, be done outside of working hours.

(8) Requirements for warning signs. Ski area operations which use any form of explosive device for avalanche control must display warning, information placards and/or signs as found in chapter 296-52 WAC, Part G.

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