

WAC 296-831-250 General requirements. (1) Adult entertainment establishments must have a written accident prevention program (APP) that addresses requirements in WAC 296-800-140 through 296-800-14025. An establishment's APP must cover the following (in addition to other general safety and health considerations applicable to all businesses):

(a) Entertainer orientation on panic button location, use, and maintenance, if any;

(b) Adding a problematic customer to the establishment's complaint log/blocklist, in accordance with WAC 296-831-500;

(c) Reporting work-related hazards, injuries, unsafe conditions, or unsafe practices;

(d) The proper use and care of personal protective equipment (PPE); and

(e) What to do in an emergency, including how to leave the workplace.

(2) An establishment must regularly hold safety and health meetings, in accordance with WAC 296-800-130 Safety committees/safety meetings—Summary. Safety meetings are to be used to communicate and evaluate safety and health issues in the workplace, including the evaluation of the establishment's APP. Safety committee/safety meetings may also be used to:

(a) Determine locations of panic buttons as required in WAC 296-831-300; and

(b) Determine alternative types of panic buttons as allowed in WAC 296-831-300(3).

(3) An establishment must:

(a) Provide appropriate cleaning supplies at all stage performance areas. A nonexhaustive list of examples of appropriate cleaning supplies is available for reference on the department's website. Employers are required to follow all applicable rules for chemical use including requirements for a hazard communication program under chapter 296-901 WAC, and potential exposure to bloodborne pathogens or other potentially infectious materials under chapter 296-823 WAC;

(b) Equip dressing or locker rooms for entertainers with a keypad requiring a code to enter; and

(c) Display signage at the entrance directing customers to resources on appropriate etiquette. Resources can include a list of requirements developed by the establishment which addresses appropriate customer etiquette, and is conspicuously posted in various locations throughout the establishment;

(4) An establishment must have written processes and procedures accessible to all employees and entertainers for:

(a) Responding to customer violence or criminal activity, including when police are called; and

(b) Ejecting customers who violate club policies, including intoxication or other inappropriate or illegal behavior.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, 49.17.470, chapter 49.17 RCW, and 2024 c 250. WSR 24-24-074, s 296-831-250, filed 12/2/24, effective 1/2/25.]