

**WAC 246-215-06340 Lighting—Intensity (FDA Food Code 6-303.11).**

The light intensity must be:

(1) At least 10 foot candles (108 lux) at a distance of 30 inches (75 cm) above the floor, in walk-in refrigeration units and dry FOOD storage areas and in other areas and rooms during periods of cleaning;

(2) At least 20 foot candles (215 lux):

(a) At a surface where FOOD is provided for CONSUMER self-service such as buffets and salad bars or where fresh produce or PACKAGED FOODS are sold or offered for consumption;

(b) Inside EQUIPMENT such as reach-in and under-counter refrigerators;

(c) At a distance of 30 inches (75 cm) above the floor in areas used for handwashing, WAREWASHING, and EQUIPMENT and UTENSIL storage, and in toilet rooms; and

(3) At least 50 foot candles (540 lux) at a surface where a FOOD EMPLOYEE is working with FOOD or working with UTENSILS or EQUIPMENT such as knives, slicers, grinders, or saws where EMPLOYEE safety is a factor.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050 and 43.20.145. WSR 21-01-122, § 246-215-06340, filed 12/15/20, effective 3/1/22; WSR 13-03-109, § 246-215-06340, filed 1/17/13, effective 5/1/13.]