

**(Effective February 3, 2020)**

**WAC 296-307-11215 Requirements during applications to protect handlers, workers, and other persons—40 C.F.R., Sec. 170.505.** (1) Prohibition from contacting workers and other persons with pesticides during application. The handler employer and the handler must ensure that no pesticide is applied so as to contact, directly or through drift, any worker or other person, other than an appropriately trained and equipped handler involved in the application.

(2) Suspending applications. The handler performing the application must immediately suspend a pesticide application if any worker or other person, other than an appropriately trained and equipped handler involved in the application, is in the application exclusion zone described in WAC 296-307-10915 (1)(a) or the area specified in column 2 of the table in WAC 296-307-10915 (2)(d).

(3) Handlers using highly toxic pesticides. The handler employer must ensure that any handler who is performing any handler activity with a pesticide product that has the skull-and-crossbones symbol on the front panel of the pesticide product label is monitored visually or by voice communication at least every two hours.

(4) Fumigant applications in enclosed space production. The handler employer must ensure all of the following:

(a) Any handler in an enclosed space production area during a fumigant application maintains continuous visual or voice contact with another handler stationed immediately outside of the enclosed space.

(b) The handler stationed outside the enclosed space has immediate access to and uses the personal protective equipment required by the fumigant labeling for applicators in the event that entry becomes necessary for rescue.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.280 and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 19-21-169, § 296-307-11215, filed 10/22/19, effective 2/3/20.]