

**WAC 296-843-15005 Establish and implement decontamination procedures before any worker or equipment enters a contaminated area.** You must establish, implement, and communicate decontamination procedures to all workers, to include the following:

(1) Standard operating procedures to minimize worker contact with:

- (a) Hazardous substances.
- (b) Contaminated equipment.

(2) Decontaminating all:

- (a) Workers leaving a contaminated area.
- (b) Equipment leaving a contaminated area.

(3) Decontaminating, cleaning, laundering, repairing, or replacing protective clothing or equipment (PPE) as needed to maintain effectiveness.

(4) Immediate removal of clothing, such as cotton coveralls, wet with hazardous substances and use of the nearest shower.

Decontaminate or dispose of clothing before removal from the work zone.

(5) Periodically monitoring procedures for effectiveness by the site safety and health supervisor.

(6) Correct your procedures when found ineffective.

(7) Establish decontamination areas to minimize contact of contaminated employees and equipment with uncontaminated employees or equipment.

(8) Make sure only authorized employees remove protective clothing or equipment from changing rooms.

(9) Inform commercial laundries or cleaning establishments about the potentially harmful effects from exposure to hazardous substances.

(10) Properly decontaminate or dispose of decontamination equipment and solvents.

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