

**WAC 296-24-012 Definitions applicable to all sections of this chapter.**

Note: Meaning of words. Unless the context indicates otherwise, words used in this chapter shall have the meaning given in this section.

**Approved.** Approved by the director of the department of labor and industries or their authorized representative: Provided, however, That should a provision of this chapter state that approval by an agency or organization other than the department of labor and industries is required, such as Underwriters' Laboratories or the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the provisions of WAC 296-800-360 must apply.

**Authorized person.** A person approved or assigned by the employer to perform a specific type of duty or duties or to be at a specific location or locations at the job site.

**Competent person.** One who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective action to eliminate them.

**Department.** The department of labor and industries.

**Director.** The director of the department of labor and industries, or designated representative.

**Employer.** Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, business trust, legal representative, or other business entity which engages in any business, industry, profession, or activity in this state and employs one or more employees or who contracts with one or more persons, the essence of which is the personal labor of such person or persons and includes the state, counties, cities, and all municipal corporations, public corporations, political subdivisions of the state, and charitable organizations: Provided, That any person, partnership, or business entity not having employees, and who is covered by the industrial insurance act must be considered both an employer and an employee.

**First aid.** For purposes of this section, the extent of treatment that could be expected to be given by a person trained in basic first aid, using supplies from a first-aid kit. Tests, such as X-rays, must not be confused with treatment.

**Hazard.** That condition, potential or inherent, which can cause injury, death, or occupational disease.

**Hospitalization.** To be admitted to a hospital or an equivalent medical facility on an emergent in-patient basis requiring an overnight stay.

**Must.** Mandatory.

**Qualified.** One who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project.

**Safety and health standard.** A standard which requires the adoption or use of one or more practices, means, methods, operations, or processes reasonably necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment and places of employment.

**Safety factor.** The ratio of the ultimate breaking strength of a member or piece of material or equipment to the actual working stress or safe load when in use.

**Should.** Recommended.

**Standard safeguard.** A device designed and constructed with the object of removing the hazard of accident incidental to the machine, appliance, tool, building, or equipment to which it is attached.

Standard safeguards must be constructed of either metal or wood or other suitable material or a combination of these. The final determination of the sufficiency of any safeguard rests with the director of the department of labor and industries.

**Suitable.** That which fits, or has the qualities or qualifications to meet a given purpose, occasion, condition, function, or circumstance.

**Work place.** Any plant, yard, premises, room, or other place where an employee or employees are employed for the performance of labor or service over which the employer has the right of access or control, and includes, but is not limited to, all work places covered by industrial insurance under Title 51 RCW, as now or hereafter amended.

**Worker, personnel, person, employee, (and other terms of like meaning, unless the context of the provision containing such term indicates otherwise).** An employee of an employer who is employed in the business of their employer whether by way of manual labor or otherwise and every person in this state who is engaged in the employment of or who is working under an independent contract the essence of which is their personal labor for an employer whether by manual labor or otherwise.

**Working day.** A calendar day, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays as set forth in RCW 1.16.050, as now or hereafter amended, and for the purposes of the computation of time within which an act is to be done under the provisions of this chapter, must be computed by excluding the first working day and including the last working day.

Abbreviations used in this chapter:

**ANSI.** American National Standards Institute.

**API.** American Petroleum Institute.

**ASA.** American Standards Association.

**ASAE.** American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

**ASHRE.** American Society of Heating and Refrigeration Engineers.

**ASME.** American Society for Mechanical Engineers.

**ASTM.** American Society for Testing and Materials.

**AWS.** American Welding Society.

**BTU.** British thermal unit.

**BTUH.** British thermal unit per hour.

**CFM.** Cubic feet per minute.

**C.F.R.** Code of Federal Regulations.

**CGA.** Compressed Gas Association.

**CIE.** Commission Internationale de l' Eclairage.

**DOSH.** Division of occupational safety and health.

**DOT.** Department of transportation.

**FRP.** Fiberglass reinforced plastic.

**GPM.** Gallons per minute.

**ICC.** Interstate Commerce Commission.

**ID.** Inside diameter.

**LPG.** Liquefied petroleum gas.

**MCA.** Manufacturing Chemist Association. (New name: Chemical Manufacturers Association.)

**NBFU.** National Board of Fire Underwriters.

**NEMA.** National Electrical Manufacturing Association.

**NFPA.** National Fire Protection Association.

**NTP.** Normal temperature and pressure.

**OD.** Outside diameter.

**PSI.** Pounds per square inch.  
**PSIA.** Pounds per square inch atmospheric.  
**PSIG.** Pounds per square inch gauge.  
**RMA.** Rubber Manufacturers Association.  
**SAE.** Society of Automotive Engineers.  
**TFI.** The Fertilizer Institute.  
**TSC.** Trailer Standard Code.  
**UL.** Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.  
**USASI.** United States of America Standards Institute.  
**U.S.C.** United States Code.  
**USCG.** United States Coast Guard.  
**WAC.** Washington Administrative Code.  
**WISHA.** Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act of 1973.

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