

WAC 296-155-17615 Protective work clothing and equipment. (1)

Provision and use. Where an employee is exposed to lead above the PEL without regard to the use of respirators, where employees are exposed to lead compounds which may cause skin or eye irritation (e.g., lead arsenate, lead azide), and as protection for employees performing tasks as specified in WAC 296-155-17609(2), you must provide at no cost to the employee and ensure that the employee uses appropriate protective work clothing and equipment that prevents contamination of the employee and the employee's garments such as, but not limited to:

- (a) Coveralls or similar full-body work clothing;
- (b) Gloves, hats, and shoes or disposable shoe coverlets; and
- (c) Face shields, vented goggles, or other appropriate protective equipment which complies with WAC 296-800-160.

(2) Cleaning and replacement.

(a) You must provide the protective clothing required in subsection (1) of this section in a clean and dry condition at least weekly, and daily to employees whose exposure levels without regard to a respirator are over 200 µg/m³ of lead as an 8-hour TWA.

(b) You must provide for the cleaning, laundering, and disposal of protective clothing and equipment required by subsection (1) of this section.

(c) You must repair or replace required protective clothing and equipment as needed to maintain their effectiveness.

(d) You must ensure that all protective clothing is removed at the completion of a work shift only in change areas provided for that purpose as prescribed in WAC 296-155-17619(2).

(e) You must assure that contaminated protective clothing which is to be cleaned, laundered, or disposed of, is placed in a closed container in the change area which prevents dispersion of lead outside the container.

(f) You must inform in writing any person who cleans or launders protective clothing or equipment of the potentially harmful effects of exposure to lead.

(g) You must ensure that the containers of contaminated protective clothing and equipment required under (e) of this subsection are labeled as follows:

DANGER: CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT CONTAMINATED WITH LEAD.
MAY DAMAGE FERTILITY OR THE UNBORN CHILD.
CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM.
DO NOT EAT, DRINK OR SMOKE WHEN HANDLING.
DO NOT REMOVE DUST BY BLOWING OR SHAKING.
DISPOSE OF LEAD CONTAMINATED WASH WATER IN ACCORDANCE WITH
APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

(h) Prior to June 1, 2015, you may include the following information on bags or containers of contaminated protective clothing and equipment required under (e) of this subsection in lieu of the labeling requirements stated above in this section:

Caution: Clothing contaminated with lead. Do not remove dust by blowing or shaking. Dispose of lead contaminated wash water in accordance with applicable local, state, or federal regulations.

(i) You must prohibit the removal of lead from protective clothing or equipment by blowing, shaking, or any other means which disperses lead into the air.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060. WSR 16-09-085, § 296-155-17615, filed 4/19/16, effective 5/20/16.]

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