

WAC 296-304-06001 Housekeeping. (1) Good housekeeping conditions must be maintained at all times. Adequate aisles and passageways must be maintained in all work areas. All staging platforms, ramps, stairways, walkways, aisles, and passageways on vessels or dry docks must be kept clear of all tools, materials, and equipment except that which is in use, and all debris such as welding rod tips, bolts, nuts, and similar material. Hose and electric conductors must be elevated over or placed under the walkway or working surfaces or covered by adequate crossover planks. While a walkway is being used as a working surface, that portion must be cordoned off to prevent it from being used as a walkway.

(2) All working areas on vessels and dry docks must be:

(a) Cleared of tools, materials, and equipment that are not necessary to perform the job in progress;

(b) Cleared of debris, including solid and liquid wastes, at the end of each workshift or job, whichever occurs first;

(c) Maintained, so far as practicable, in a dry condition. When a wet process is used, the employer shall maintain drainage and provide false floors, platforms, mats, or other dry standing places. When the employer demonstrates that this procedure is not practicable, the employer must provide each employee working in the wet process with protective footwear, in accordance with WAC 296-304-09013.

(3) Slippery conditions on walkways or working surfaces must be eliminated as they occur. If it is not practicable for you to remove slippery conditions, you must either:

(a) Restrict employees to designated walkways and working surfaces where you have eliminated slippery conditions; or

(b) Provide slip-resistant footwear in accordance with WAC 296-304-09013.

(4) Free access must be maintained at all times to all exits and to all fire-alarm boxes or fire-extinguishing equipment.

(5) All oils, paints, thinners, solvents waste, rags, or other flammable substances must be disposed of or kept in fire resistant covered containers when not in use.

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