

**WAC 296-878-13010 Inspect window-cleaning equipment before use.**

- (1) You must store your window-cleaning equipment in a way that:
  - (a) Is easy to get to, inspect, and safely take out for use;
  - (b) Provides protection from moisture, sunlight, or corrosion.
- (2) You must make sure a competent person inspects these items before each use:
  - (a) Window-cleaners' belts;
  - (b) Boatswains' chairs;
  - (c) All components of rope descent systems;
  - (d) Suspension devices;
  - (e) Certified roof anchorages;
  - (f) Primary support ropes or lines;
  - (g) The descent device;
  - (h) Carabiners or shackles;
  - (i) A seatboard or boatswain's chair;
  - (j) Wear points on rope descent system components exposed to constant friction.
- (3) You must make sure you do not use any piece of window-cleaning equipment with defects.
  - (a) Prohibit makeshift repairs to any piece of window-cleaning equipment;
  - (b) Label any piece of window-cleaning equipment that is defective "dangerous, do not use."
- (4) You must secure any padding or softeners so they do not come loose from:
  - (a) The surface of the building;
  - (b) The rope if not attached to the building.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 14-09-095, § 296-878-13010, filed 4/22/14, effective 7/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 02-22-027, § 296-878-13010, filed 10/28/02, effective 1/1/03.]