

**WAC 296-45-67521 Pilot's responsibility.** (1) The pilot and employer must ensure the pilot is properly rested and fit for duty.

(2) The helicopter pilot must be responsible for the size, weight and manner in which loads are connected to the helicopter.

(3) No load will be made if the helicopter pilot believes the lift cannot safely be performed. The employer must make certain that the pilot of the helicopter is able to freely exercise their prerogative and judgment as to safe operation of the helicopter itself concerning size, weight and manner by which loads are connected.

(4) No employee will work on, under, near or in conjunction with a helicopter whose operation does not correspond with the foregoing provisions.

(5) The pilot must possess the appropriate ratings for the aircraft and must be competent to safely conduct the assigned tasks. The pilot must have the final authority and is solely responsible for the safe operation of the helicopter load at all times.

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