

WAC 296-62-08021 Housekeeping.

Exemption: This section does not apply to construction, shipyards, marine terminals and longshoring.

(1) General. The employer must ensure that:

(a) All surfaces are maintained as free as practicable of accumulations of chromium (VI).

(b) All spills and releases of chromium (VI) containing material are cleaned up promptly.

(2) Cleaning methods.

(a) The employer must ensure that surfaces contaminated with chromium (VI) are cleaned by HEPA-filter vacuuming or other methods that minimize the likelihood of exposure to chromium (VI).

(b) Dry shoveling, dry sweeping, and dry brushing may be used only where HEPA-filtered vacuuming or other methods that minimize the likelihood of exposure to chromium (VI) have been tried and found not to be effective.

(c) The employer must not allow compressed air to be used to remove chromium (VI) from any surface unless:

(i) The compressed air is used in conjunction with a ventilation system designed to capture the dust cloud created by the compressed air; or

(ii) No alternative method is feasible.

(d) The employer must ensure that cleaning equipment is handled in a manner that minimizes the reentry of chromium (VI) into the workplace.

(3) Disposal. The employer must ensure that:

(a) Waste, scrap, debris, and any other materials contaminated with chromium (VI) and consigned for disposal are collected and disposed of in sealed, impermeable bags or other closed, impermeable containers.

(b) Bags or containers of waste, scrap, debris, and any other materials contaminated with chromium (VI) that are consigned for disposal are labeled in accordance with the requirements of WAC 296-901-140 Hazard communication.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 19-01-094, § 296-62-08021, filed 12/18/18, effective 1/18/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060 and 29 C.F.R. 1910 Subpart Z. WSR 14-07-086, § 296-62-08021, filed 3/18/14, effective 5/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060. WSR 06-16-106, § 296-62-08021, filed 8/1/06, effective 9/1/06.]