

WAC 296-304-06018 Motor vehicle safety equipment, operation, and maintenance. (1) Application.

(a) This section applies to any motor vehicle used to transport employees, materials, or property at worksites engaged in shipyard employment. This section does not apply to motor vehicle operation on public streets and highways.

(b) The requirements of this section apply to employer-provided motor vehicles. The requirements of subsections (2)(b) and (d) and (3)(b) of this section also apply to employee-provided motor vehicles.

(c) Only the requirements of subsection (2)(a) through (c) of this section apply to powered industrial trucks, as defined in chapter 296-863 WAC. The maintenance, inspection, operation, and training requirements in chapter 296-863 WAC continue to apply to powered industrial trucks used for shipyard employment.

(2) Motor vehicle safety equipment.

(a) You must ensure that each motor vehicle acquired or initially used after the effective date of this rule is equipped with a safety belt for each employee operating or riding in the motor vehicle. This requirement does not apply to any motor vehicle that was not equipped with safety belts at the time of manufacture.

(b) You must ensure that each employee uses a safety belt, securely and tightly fastened, at all times while operating or riding in a motor vehicle.

(c) You must ensure that vehicle safety equipment is not removed from any employer-provided vehicle. You must replace safety equipment that is removed.

(d) You must ensure that each motor vehicle used to transport an employee has firmly secured seats for each employee being transported and that all employees being transported are using such seats.

(3) Motor vehicle maintenance and operation.

(a) You must ensure that each motor vehicle is maintained in a serviceable and safe operating condition, and removed from service if it is not in such condition.

(b) You must ensure that, before a motor vehicle is operated, any tools and materials being transported are secured if their movements may create a hazard for employees.

(c) You must implement measures to ensure that motor vehicle operators are able to see, and avoid harming, pedestrians and bicyclists at shipyards. Measures that you may implement to comply with this requirement include:

(i) Establishing dedicated travel lanes for motor vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians;

(ii) Installing crosswalks and traffic control devices such as stop signs, mirrors at blind spots, or physical barriers to separate travel lanes;

(iii) Establishing appropriate speed limits for all motor vehicles;

(iv) Establishing "no drive" times to allow for safe movement of pedestrians;

(v) Providing reflective vests or other gear so pedestrians and bicyclists are clearly visible to motor vehicle operators;

(vi) Ensuring that bicycles have reflectors, lights, or other equipment to maximize visibility of the bicyclist; or

(vii) Other measures that you can demonstrate are as effective in protecting pedestrians and bicyclists as those measures specified in this section.

Reference: See chapter 296-864 WAC, Split (multi-piece) rim and single-piece rim wheels, for requirements relating to servicing multi-piece and single-piece rim wheels.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 17-18-075, § 296-304-06018, filed 9/5/17, effective 10/6/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 12-12-060, § 296-304-06018, filed 6/5/12, effective 8/1/12.]