

**WAC 296-307-70450 Use the buddy system in danger areas.** The employer must make sure operations and tasks (including limited actions) in danger areas are conducted using the buddy system in teams of two or more.

**Definition.** Danger areas are areas where conditions pose a serious danger to employees, such as areas where:

(a) Immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH) conditions could exist.

**OR**

(b) High levels of exposure to toxic substances could exist.

**OR**

(c) There is a potential for exceeding the lower explosive limit (LEL), also known as the lower flammability limit (LFL) of a hazardous substance.

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