

DOSH RULES PROJECTS as of November 10, 2009

*Please Note: These dates are subject to change.
All hearings are held in Tumwater unless otherwise noted.*

DOSH RULES RECENTLY ADOPTED

LOCKOUT TAGOUT: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has determined that the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries' rules regarding lockout/ tagout is not at least as effective as the Federal rule. The adopted changes make Washington State's rule as effective as the Federal equivalent. *Expedited Proposal 4-21-09, Comment Period Ends 6-23-09, Adoption 8-4-09, Effective 11-1-09.*

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION (REDON FIT TESTING): This amendment is to adopt an additional fit testing alternative as recommended by Federal OSHA. *Expedited Proposal 6-30-09, Comment Period Ends 8-17-09, Adoption 9-22-09, Effective 12-1-09.*

DOSH RULES IN THE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT STAGE

ASBESTOS FEES: As approved by the 2009 Legislature Chapter 564, Laws of 2009 (Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1244), the purpose of this rulemaking is to adjust the fees set forth in WAC 296-65-025, Fees, for DOSH's Asbestos Program. If these fees are increased, this will be the first fee increase since the program began in 1985. This fee increase will ensure the Department's ability to continue the asbestos program. *Preproposal 8-4-09, Proposal 9-22-09, Hearing 10-28-09, Adoption 12-22-09, Effective 1-25-10.*

COMPRESSED AIR: The requirements for working in compressed air atmospheres are out-of-date and need to be updated as necessary and re-formatted for ease of use and understanding. *To be determined.*

CONSTRUCTION CRANES (PHASE 2): Following adoption of implementing rules for the state's crane safety law, the general construction code rules for crane safety and personnel lifting are being reviewed for update and clear writing. *Preproposal 9-16-08, Proposal TBD, Hearings TBD, Adoption TBD, Effective TBD*

FALL PROTECTION FOR CONSTRUCTION: This is a clear rule writing effort and combines two parts of the construction safety code for clarity and ease of use. In addition, the department intends to clarify current language which has created confusion at worksites with respect to walking-working surfaces on roofs as recommended by a business and labor ad hoc committee. *Timeline to be determined.*

FIRE FIGHTING: The fire fighting rules are being updated and rewritten for clarity, ease of use, and understanding with the assistance of a stakeholder group consisting of business, labor and the Fire Chiefs. *Preproposal 11-4-08, Rest of the timeline to be determined.*

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: The vertical code for the telecommunications industry is out-of-date and is being updated and rewritten for clarity, ease of use, and understanding. A business and labor ad hoc advisory process will be used. *Timeline to be determined.*