



**EXPEDITED RULE MAKING
(RCW 34.05.353)**

**CR-105 (11/1/01)
EXPEDITED RULE MAKING ONLY**

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

(a) Title of rule: Signs and Color Codes

Purpose: The department is rewriting and clarifying the requirements relating to Signs and Color Codes. This rulemaking is part of our goal to rewrite all of WISHA's general occupational safety and health rules for clarity. We are proposing to repeal Part B-2 of chapter 296-24 WAC and WAC 296-155-300 and move the requirements relating to biological hazards into 296-800-11045, Protect employees from biological hazards. In addition, the department is proposing to update references to Part B-2 of chapter 296-24 WAC in other WISHA rules.

Other identifying information: None.

(b) Statutory authority for adoption:
RCW 49.17.010; RCW 49.17.040; RCW 49.17.050; RCW 49.17.060.

Statute being implemented: Chapter 49.17 RCW

(c) Summary: The department is rewriting and clarifying the requirements relating to Signs and Color Codes. This rulemaking is part of our goal to rewrite all of WISHA's general occupational safety and health rules for clarity. The department is proposing to eliminate unnecessary and outdated requirements. No new requirements were added. In addition, the department is proposing to update references in other WISHA rules.

Reasons supporting proposal: Rewriting the requirements relating to Signs and Color Codes for clarity. Also eliminating unnecessary and outdated requirements. No new requirements were added.

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(e) Name of proponent (person or organization): Department of Labor and Industries
 Private
 Public
 Governmental

(f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement and fiscal matters:
N/A

(g) Is rule necessary because of:
Federal Law? Yes No If yes, ATTACH COPY OF TEXT
Federal Court Decision? Yes No Citation:
State Court Decision? Yes No

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:

The department is rewriting and clarifying the requirements relating to Signs and Color Codes. This rulemaking is part of our goal to rewrite all of WISHA's general occupational safety and health rules for clarity. The department is proposing to eliminate chapter 296-24 WAC, Part B-2, Safety color code for marking physical hazards and WAC 296-155-300, Accident prevention signs and tags. These rules recommend employers use signs and tags to warn employees of hazards. The requirements relating to biological hazard signs and tags have been rewritten for clarity and are being proposed as a new section in WAC 296-800-11045, Protect employees from biological agents. No new requirements have been added. In addition, the department is proposing to update references in other WISHA rules. There are no anticipated effects.

Does proposal change existing rules? YES NO

If yes, describe changes:

Repealed Sections:

Chapter 296-24 WAC, Part B-2, Safety Color Code for Marking Physical Hazards, Etc.

WAC 296-24-135, Safety color code for marking physical hazards

WAC 296-24-13501, Color identification.

WAC 296-24-140, Specification for accident prevention signs and tags

WAC 296-24-14001, Scope

WAC 296-24-14003, Definitions

WAC 296-24-14005, Classification of signs according to use

WAC 296-24-14007, Sign design and colors

WAC 296-24-14009, Sign wordings

WAC 296-24-14011, Accident prevention tags

WAC 296-155-300, Accident prevention signs and tags

Amended Sections:

WAC 296-24-33009, Container and portable tank storage

- Removed reference to WAC 296-24-140.
- No new requirements have been added.

WAC 296-24-37013, Operations and maintenance

- Removed reference to WAC 296-24-140.
- No new requirements have been added.

WAC 296-24-980, Safeguards for personnel protection

- Removed reference to chapter 296-24 WAC, Part B-2.
- No new requirements have been added.

WAC 296-78-71001, General

- Removed reference to WAC 296-24-135.
- No new requirements have been added.

WAC 296-155-315, Definitions applicable to this part

- Removed definition of "tags".
- No new requirements have been added.

WAC 296-301-020, General safety requirements

- Removed reference to WAC 296-24-135.
- No new requirements have been added.

WAC 296-800-11045, Protect employees from biological agents

- Moved clarified language from WAC 296-24-140 regarding biohazard warnings to this section.
- No new requirements have been added.