



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making:

Chapter 296-24 WAC, General Safety and Health Standards Part J-1.
Chapter 296-45-25510(1) WAC, Safety Standards for Electrical Workers
Chapter 296-155 WAC, Safety Standards for Construction Work
Chapter 296-305-05501(4) WAC, Safety Standards for Fire Fighters
Chapter 296-307 WAC, Safety Standards for Agriculture
Chapter 296-800 WAC, Safety and Health Core Rules

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 49.17.010, RCW 49.17.040, RCW 49.17.050, RCW 49.17.060

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Fall Protection

WISHA is proposing to rewrite and clarify requirements relating to the fall protection standard. This rulemaking is part of our long-term goal to rewrite our general occupational safety and health rules. This proposal will move all fall protection requirements relating to general industries from both chapter 296-24 WAC, General Safety and Health and chapter 296-155 WAC, Safety Standards for Construction Work and place them in a new chapter. WISHA may also make updates to chapter 296-800 WAC, Safety and Health Core Rules.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

No other state or federal agencies (other than OSHA) are known that regulate this subject.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) The department must adopt rules identical to or at least as effective as OSHA rules as required by the OSHA/WISHA state plan agreement. Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individuals listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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