

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 96-11-067, filed 5/10/96, effective 1/1/97)

**WAC 296-305-01501 Injury and illness reports for fire fighters.** (1) Notice of injury or illness.

(a) Whenever an occupational accident causes injury or illness to a fire fighter or other employee, or whenever a fire fighter or other employee becomes aware of an illness apparently caused by occupational exposure, it shall be the duty of such a fire fighter or other employee, or someone on his/her behalf, to report the injury or illness to the employer before the end of his/her duty period but not later than twenty-four hours after the incident.

(b) Exception: In the event that symptoms of an occupational injury or illness are not apparent at the time of the incident, the employee shall report the symptoms to his/her employer within forty-eight hours after becoming aware of the injury or illness.

(c) Within eight hours after the fatality or probable fatality of any fire fighter or employee from a work-related incident or the inpatient hospitalization of ~~((two or more))~~ any employee~~((s))~~ as a result of a work-related incident, the employer of any employees so affected, shall orally report the fatality/~~((multiple))~~ hospitalization by telephone or in person, to the nearest office of the department or by using the OSHA toll-free central telephone number, 1-800-321-6742.

(i) This requirement applies to each such fatality or hospitalization ~~((of two or more employees))~~ which occurs within thirty days of the incident.

(ii) Exception: If any employer does not learn of a reportable incident at the time it occurs and the incident would otherwise be reportable under this subsection, the employer shall make a report within eight hours of the time the incident is reported to any agent or employee of the employer.

(iii) Each report required by this subsection shall relate the following information: Establishment name, location of the incident, time of the incident, number of fatalities or hospitalized employees, contact person, phone number, and a brief description of the incident.

(2) Recordkeeping - written reports; all fire service employers shall maintain records of occupational injuries and illnesses. Reportable cases include every occupational death, every occupational illness, or each injury that involves one of the following: Unconsciousness, inability to perform all phases of regular duty-related assignment, inability to work full time on duty, temporary assignment, or medical treatment beyond first aid.

(3) All fire departments shall record occupational injury and illnesses on forms OSHA 101-Supplementary Record Occupational Injuries and Illnesses and OSHA 200-Log summary. Forms other than

OSHA 101 may be substituted for the Supplementary Record of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses if they contain the same items.

(4) Each employer shall post an annual summary of occupational injuries and illnesses for each establishment. This summary shall consist of a copy of the year's totals from the Form OSHA No. 200 and the following information from that form: Calendar year covered, company name, establishment name, establishment address, certification signature, title, and date. A Form OSHA No. 200 shall be used in presenting the summary. If no injuries or illnesses occurred in the year, zeros must be entered on the totals line, and the form must be posted. The summary shall be completed by February 1 each calendar year. The summary covering the previous calendar year shall be posted no later than February 1, and shall remain in place until March 1.