



# EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

**CR-105 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.353)  
**EXPEDITED RULE MAKING ONLY**

**Agency:** Department of Labor and Industries

**Title of rule and other identifying information:**  
WAC 296-800-310 Exit Routes and Employee Alarm Systems

### NOTICE

**THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO**

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**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has found our rules regarding exit routes and employee alarm systems not at least as effective as the Federal rule. The proposed changes will make our rule as effective as the Federal equivalent.

The proposed language in WAC 296-800-310 will make our rule as effective as the Federal equivalent.

For example:

- The proposal will reference the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101-2000, the Life Safety Code
- The proposal will change the wording to ensure that the ceiling of an exit route remains at six feet eight inches high if projections extend into the space
- The proposal will add definitions for occupant load, refuge area, and self-lighting or self-luminous

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 49.17.050

**Statute being implemented:** Chapter 49.17 RCW

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

Federal Law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:  
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**DATE**  
June 17, 2008

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**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:**

N/A