

Housekeeping, Drainage, & Storage

WAC 296-800-220

Summary

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:

To provide your employees with a clean, dry, pest-free workplace



Note:

The introduction has important information about building, electrical and fire codes that may apply to you in addition to WISHA rules. See "How do the WISHA rules relate to building, fire, and electrical codes" in the introduction section of this book.

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Rule

HOUSEKEEPING

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Keep your workplace clean

You must

- Keep all areas of your workplace, passageways, storage rooms, and service rooms in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition to the extent the nature of the work allows.

WAC 296-800-22010

Sweep and clean your workplace to minimize dust

You must

- Sweep and clean your workplace in a way that minimizes dust in the air as much as possible.
- When practical, clean after hours so that your employees aren't exposed to dust in the air on the job.

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Keep your workplace free of obstacles that interfere with cleaning

You must

- Keep your workplace clear of obstructions such as nails, splinters, loose boards and unnecessary holes and openings to make cleaning easier and more effective.



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Rule

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Control pests in your workplace

You must

- Make sure each building in your workplace is constructed, equipped and maintained so it restricts pests from entering or living in it. Pests include animals such as:
 - Rodents (rats, mice, and squirrels).
 - Birds (starlings, pigeons, and swallows).
 - Insects (bees, wasps, and mosquitoes).
- Take steps to effectively control pests in your workplace, if they are detected.
 - Carry out a continuing and effective control program in the areas of your workplace where pests have been detected.



Note:

- By handling dead or live pests including their waste products, attached parasites and other contaminated materials, your employees may be exposed to certain health risks. These risks include, but aren't limited to: Hanta virus, rabies, lyme disease and psittacosis. Contact your local L&I office (see Resource Section of this book) or the public health department for more information about health risks and proper pest handling and disposal techniques.
- "Workplace" includes storage areas.



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Make sure floors are maintained in a safe condition

You must

- Make sure floors are kept free of debris. This includes:
 - Buildings
 - Platforms
 - Walkways and driveways
 - Storage yards
 - Docks
- Use a nonslip coating on all polished floors.

DRAINAGE

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Keep your workroom floors dry, when practical

You must

- Do the following to help keep your employees dry if wet processes are used in your work area:
 - Maintain drainage away from the work area;
and
 - Provide false floors, platforms, or other dry places where employees can stand, where practical
or
 - Provide appropriate waterproof footwear.



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Rule

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Provide proper drainage

You must

- Provide all areas where employees work, such as yards, basements, or garages, with adequate drainage.

STORAGE

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Store things safely

You must:

- Store materials so they don't create a hazard.
- Keep workplace storage areas free from accumulation of materials that could create hazards from tripping, fire, or explosion.
- Secure stored items such as bundles, containers, and bags to prevent them from falling, sliding, or collapsing by doing one or more of the following:
 - Stacking
 - Racking
 - Blocking
 - Interlocking
 - Otherwise securing them

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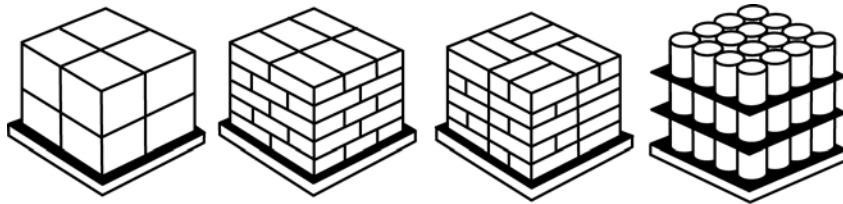
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- Make sure stored items are limited in height so that they are stable and secure to prevent sliding or collapse.



Block Pattern

Brick

Pinwheel

Rigid Spacer

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Control vegetation in your storage areas

You must

- Control vegetation in your storage areas when necessary to create a safe working environment.



Notes
