

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)

Elevator Rules

Chapter 296-96 WAC Safety Regulations and Fees for All Elevators, Dumbwaiters, Escalators, and Other Conveyances.

The date of adoption for this rule: July 23, 2019

The effective date for this rule: September 1, 2019

I. Purpose of rulemaking:

L&I has adopted changes to the elevator rules under Chapter 296-96, Safety Regulations and Fees for All Elevators, Dumbwaiters, Escalators, and Other Conveyances Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

The rule changes adopt additional requirements from the 2015 American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) A17.3 safety codes for existing elevators and escalators. The additional requirements include:

- ASME A17.3 requirement 2.7.6 Hoistway Emergency Door Contacts;
- ASME A17.3 requirement 3.3.5 Protection of Platforms Against Fire;
- ASME A17.3 requirement 3.10.7 Operating of Driving Machine;
- ASME A17.3 requirement 3.10.12 System to Monitor and Prevent Automatic Operation of the Elevator with Faulty Door Contact Circuits;
- ASME A17.3 requirement 3.11.3 Firefighter's Service;
- ASME A17.3 requirement 3.9.5 Piston Connections; and
- ASME A17.3 requirement 5.5.3 Adjacent Floor Surfaces.

The adopted rules also provide a timeframe of two years to come into compliance with ASME A17.3 Requirements 2.7.6, 3.3.5, 3.10.7, 3.9.5, and 5.5.3 or to submit a written plan with a projected timeframe for compliance and 5 years for compliance with ASME A17.3 Requirements 3.10.12 and 3.11.3.

ASME A17.3-2017 covers existing elevators, escalators, and their hoistways, and provides detailed guidelines for machinery and equipment, hydraulic elevators, dumbwaiters, hand elevators, sidewalk elevators, moving walks, private residence elevators, and numerous other concepts. The purpose of the safety codes is to enhance public safety.

2. Differences between the rule as adopted and the proposed rule:

There are no differences between the rules as adopted and proposed.

3. Comments on proposed rule:

The public comment period for this rulemaking began April 16, 2019, and ended May 31, 2019. Two persons attended the public hearings and no persons provided testimony.

The department did not receive any written comments during the public comment period.

Public Hearing(s)	Number of persons that attended	Number of persons that provided testimony
Date: May 30, 2019 Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: L&I Tukwila Office 12806 Gateway Dr. S Tukwila, WA 98168	1	0
Date: May 31, 2019 Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: Davenport Grand Hotel 333 W Spokane Falls Blvd Spokane, WA 99201	1	0