
IMPORTANT:
A dip tank is a container holding a liquid other than plain water that is used for dipping or coating. An object may be completely or partially immersed (in a dip tank) or it may be suspended in a vapor coming from the tank.

Exemption: Dip tanks that use a molten material (molten metal, alloy, salt, etc.) are not covered by this chapter.

This chapter applies to:
• A dip tank that uses a liquid other than plain water, or the vapor of the liquid, to:
  - Clean an object
  - Coat an object
  - Alter the surface of an object
OR
  - Change the character of an object.
• Draining or drying an object that has been dipped or coated.

Examples of covered dipping and coating operations include, but are not limited to:
  - Paint dipping
  - Anodizing
  - Pickling
  - Quenching
  - Tanning
  - Degreasing
  - Stripping
  - Cleaning
  - Dyeing.

Reference: You have to do a hazard assessment to identify hazards or potential hazards in your workplace and determine if PPE is necessary to protect your employees. See personal protective equipment (PPE), WAC 296-307-100 through 296-307-10025.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 03-10-068, § 296-307-445, filed 5/6/03, effective 8/1/03.]