

WAC 296-307-61405 Provide standby assistance in immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH) conditions.

IMPORTANT:

WISHA currently uses the IDLH values in the 1990 NIOSH *Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards* to determine the existence of IDLH conditions. You may use more recent editions of this guide. Visit www.cdc.gov/niosh for more information.

You must:

- Provide at least two standby employees outside the IDLH area.

Note: You need only one standby employee if the IDLH condition is well characterized, will remain stable AND you can show one employee can adequately do ALL of the following:

- Monitor employees in the IDLH area
 - Implement communication
 - Initiate rescue duties.
- Train and equip standby employees to provide effective emergency rescue. Equip them with:
 - A pressure-demand SCBA or a pressure-demand air-line respirator with an auxiliary SCBA, for each standby employee
 - Appropriate retrieval equipment, when it would help with the effective rescue of the entrant, or an equivalent means of rescue
 - Make sure standby employees maintain visual, voice, or signal line communication with employees in the IDLH area
 - Make sure that in the event of an emergency:
 - Standby employees notify you or your designee before they enter the IDLH area to provide emergency rescue
 - You provide necessary assistance when notified.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060. WSR 05-01-166, § 296-307-61405, filed 12/21/04, effective 4/2/05.]