WAC 296-307-63825  Make sure third-party hearing loss prevention programs meet the following requirements.

IMPORTANT:
Third-party hearing loss prevention programs are intended:
• For short-term employees hired or assigned to duties having noise exposures for less than one year
AND
• For seasonal employees.
However, other employees may be included as long as you meet all requirements for hearing loss follow-ups and recordkeeping.

You must:
• Make sure that the third-party program is:
  – Equivalent to an employer program as required by this part
  AND
  – Uses audiometric testing to evaluate hearing loss.
• Make sure a licensed or certified audiologist, otolaryngologist, or other qualified physician administers the third-party program
• Make sure the third-party program has written procedures for:
  – Communicating with participating employers of program requirements
  – Follow-up procedures for detected hearing loss
  – Annual review of participating employer programs.
• Make sure the following program elements are corrected by you or the third-party program when deficiencies are found:
  – Noise exposures
  – Hearing protection
  – Employee training
  – Noise controls.
• Obtain a review of your hearing loss prevention program at least once per year, conducted by the third-party program administrator or their representative, in order to:
  – Identify any tasks needing a revised selection of hearing protection
  AND
  – Provide an overall assessment of the employers' hearing loss prevention activities.

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