

WAC 296-32-22511 Host employer/contractor responsibilities. (1)

Host employer responsibilities. Before work begins, the host employer must inform contract employers of:

(a) The characteristics of the host employer's installation that are related to the safety of the work to be performed and are listed in subsection (4)(a) through (e) of this section;

Note: This subsection requires the host employer to obtain information listed in subsection (4)(a) through (e) of this section if it does not have this information in existing records.

(b) Conditions that are related to the safety of the work to be performed, that are listed in subsection (4)(f) through (h) of this section, and that are known to the host employer;

Note: For the purposes of this subsection, the host employer need only provide information to contract employers that the host employer can obtain from its existing records through the exercise of reasonable diligence. This subsection does not require the host employer to make inspections of worksite conditions to obtain this information.

(c) Information about the design and operation of the host employer's installation that the contract employer needs to make the assessments required by this chapter; and

Note: This subsection requires the host employer to obtain information about the design and operation of its installation that contract employers need to make required assessments if it does not have this information in existing records.

(d) Any other information about the design and operation of the host employer's installation that is known by the host employer, that the contract employer requests, and that is related to the protection of the contract employer's employees.

Note: For the purposes of this subsection, the host employer need only provide information to contract employers that the host employer can obtain from its existing records through the exercise of reasonable diligence. This subsection does not require the host employer to make inspections of worksite conditions to obtain this information.

(2) Contract employer responsibilities.

(a) The contract employer must ensure that each of its employees is instructed in the hazardous conditions relevant to the employee's work that the contract employer is aware of as a result of information communicated to the contract employer by the host employer under subsection (1) of this section.

(b) Before work begins, the contract employer must advise the host employer of any unique hazardous conditions presented by the contract employer's work.

(c) The contract employer must advise the host employer of any unanticipated hazardous conditions found during the contract employer's work that the host employer did not mention under subsection (1) of this section. The contract employer must provide this information to the host employer within two working days after discovering the hazardous condition.

(3) Joint host- and contract-employer responsibilities. The contract employer and the host employer must coordinate their work rules and procedures so that each employee of the contract employer and the host employer is protected as required by this section.

(4) Existing characteristics and conditions of the telecommunication site, facility, structure, lines or equipment that are related to the safety of the work to be performed must be determined before work on or near the site, facility, structure, lines or equipment is started. Such characteristics and conditions include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The recent condition of poles and/or structures;
- (b) Environmental conditions relating to safety;
- (c) Any abnormalities compromising the integrity of the system;
- (d) Current structure analysis and engineering;
- (e) The presence of hazardous energy sources;
- (f) The nominal voltages of lines and equipment;

(g) The locations of circuits and equipment, including electric supply lines, communication lines, and fire protective signaling circuits; and

(h) The condition of protective grounds and equipment grounding conductors.

(5) All communication companies and entities operating, constructing and maintaining communication facilities within the state of Washington must design, construct, operate, and maintain their lines and equipment according to the requirements of:

(a) The 2017 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) (ANSI-C2).

(b) ANSI/TIA 222-G-2005 for structures which have the primary purpose to serve as antenna supporting structures.

(c) ANSI/TIA - 322, 2016 and ANSI/ASSE A10.48, 2016, Telecommunications construction standards.

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