

WAC 296-62-07617 Protective work clothing and equipment. (1)

Provision and use. Where employees are subject to dermal exposure to MDA, where liquids containing MDA can be splashed into the eyes, or where airborne concentrations of MDA are in excess of the PEL, the employer must provide, at no cost to the employee, and ensure that the employee uses, appropriate protective work clothing and equipment which prevent contact with MDA such as, but not limited to:

- (a) Aprons, coveralls, or other full-body work clothing;
- (b) Gloves, head coverings, and foot coverings; and
- (c) Face shields, chemical goggles; or
- (d) Other appropriate protective equipment which comply with WAC 296-800-160.

(2) Removal and storage.

(a) The employer must ensure that, at the end of their work shift, employees remove MDA-contaminated protective work clothing and equipment that is not routinely removed throughout the day in change rooms provided in accordance with the provisions established for change rooms.

(b) The employer must ensure that, during their work shift, employees remove all other MDA-contaminated protective work clothing or equipment before leaving a regulated area.

(c) The employer must ensure that no employee takes MDA-contaminated work clothing or equipment out of the change room, except those employees authorized to do so for the purpose of laundering, maintenance, or disposal.

(d) MDA-contaminated work clothing or equipment must be placed and stored in closed containers which prevent dispersion of the MDA outside the container.

(e) Containers of MDA-contaminated protective work clothing or equipment which are to be taken out of change rooms or the workplace for cleaning, maintenance, or disposal must bear labels warning of the hazards of MDA.

(3) Cleaning and replacement.

(a) The employer must provide the employee with clean protective clothing and equipment. The employer must ensure that protective work clothing or equipment required by this paragraph is cleaned, laundered, repaired, or replaced at intervals appropriate to maintain its effectiveness.

(b) The employer must prohibit the removal of MDA from protective work clothing or equipment by blowing, shaking, or any methods which allow MDA to reenter the workplace.

(c) The employer must ensure that laundering of MDA-contaminated clothing shall be done so as to prevent the release of MDA in the workplace.

(d) Any employer who gives MDA-contaminated clothing to another person for laundering must inform such person of the requirement to prevent the release of MDA.

(e) The employer must inform any person who launders or cleans protective clothing or equipment contaminated with MDA of the potentially harmful effects of exposure.

(f) MDA-contaminated clothing must be transported in properly labeled, sealed, impermeable bags or containers.

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