WAC 296-806-48502  Guard sewing machine needles.

EXEMPTION: This section does not apply to domestic-type sewing machines having a presser-foot that is in the "down" position during operation of the machine.

You must provide a permanently attached guard on each sewing machine that:

1. Prevents the operator's fingers from passing under the needle.
2. Allows the needle to be conveniently threaded without removing the guard.

Reference: For specific requirements about safeguarding sewing machine belts can be found in, Safeguard belt and rope drives, WAC 296-806-30004.

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