

**WAC 296-800-23005 Provide safe drinking (potable) water in your workplace.** (1) You must provide safe drinking (potable) water for employees for:

- (a) Washing themselves.
- (b) Personal service rooms.
- (c) Cooking.
- (d) Washing premises where food is prepared or processed.
- (e) Washing food, eating utensils, or clothing.

(2) You must make sure when providing movable or portable drinking water dispensers that they are:

- (a) Capable of being closed.
- (b) Kept in sanitary condition.
- (c) Equipped with a tap.

(3) You must prohibit employees from:

- (a) Using shared drinking cups or utensils.
- (b) Using open containers such as barrels, pails, and tanks that require employees to dip or pour drinking water, even if the containers have covers.

**Definition:**

Potable water. Water that you can safely drink that meets specific safety standards prescribed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's *National Interim Primary Drinking Water Regulations*, published in 40 C.F.R. Part 141, and 40 C.F.R. 147.2400.

Personal service rooms are used for activities not directly connected with a business' production or service function such as first aid, medical services, dressing, showering, bathrooms, washing and eating.

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