

# Health and Safety Guide for K-12 Schools in Washington State – 2024 Update of the 2003 Edition

References:

[WAC 246-366-050](#): Buildings.

[Chapter 296-800 WAC](#): SAFETY AND HEALTH CORE RULES

[School Indoor Air Quality Best Management Practices Manual \(wa.gov\)](#)

<b>B. Building Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>		<b>WAC or other Code Reference</b>	<b>Standard/ Recommended Practice</b>	<b>Review Plan</b>	<b>Reason for Change</b>
B 001	Buildings shall be kept clean and in good repair.	246-366-050(1) <del>296-24-12003(1)</del> <a href="#">296-800-220</a>			<a href="#">296-24-12003(1) repealed</a>
B 002	Ceilings in instructional areas shall have a minimum clear vertical distance of eight feet from finished floor to finished ceiling.	246-366-050(2)		X	
B 003	Any projections from the finished ceiling shall be not less than seven feet vertical distance from the finished <del>floor;</del> <u>floor</u> , i.e., beams, lighting fixtures, sprinklers, pipe work.	246-366-050(2)		X	
B 004	Stairways and steps shall have handrails and non-slip treads. <del>in compliance with the applicable-</del> <u>The Washington State adoption of the International Building Code- and Labor &amp; Industries Core Safety Rules also have rules in these areas.(UBC).</u>	246-366-050(3) <a href="#">296-800-250</a> <a href="#">51-50/IBC Ch 10</a> <del>296-24-76501</del> UBC		X	
B 005	Floors shall have an easily cleanable surface. Carpet is acceptable in appropriate locations. Refer to the <a href="#">DOH School Indoor Air Quality Best Management Practices Manual (IAQ-BMP) for more information on flooring.</a> <del>published by DOH. download at: www.doh.wa.gov/ohp/ts/iaq.htm</del>	246-366-050(4)	<a href="#">DOH IAQ-BPM</a>	X	
B 006	All buildings and premises shall be free of insects, rodents, and conditions which attract, provide harborage, and promote their propagation. (See Pesticide Use in Schools <a href="#">Section Q</a> )	246-366-050(5) <del>296-800-2202024-</del> <a href="#">42024</a>			
B 007	All hazardous substances and chemicals (e.g., cleaning and disinfecting products) shall be easily identified (e.g., labeled), and used with caution. They must be stored in such a manner as to prevent unauthorized use or possible contamination of food and drink.	246-366-050(6) <del>296-800-</del> <a href="#">1104062-054</a>			

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B 008	There shall be sufficient, easily accessible, well-lighted, heated, and ventilated space provided for the storage of outdoor clothing, play equipment, and instructional equipment.	246-366-050(7)		X	
B 009	School buildings shall be provided with windows sufficient in number, size, and location to permit students to see to the outside. No student shall occupy an instructional area without windows for more than 50 percent of the school day.	246-366-050(8)		X	
B 010	Exterior sun control shall be provided to exclude direct sunlight from window areas and skylights in instructional areas, assembly, and meeting rooms during at least 80 percent of normal school hours. Sun control is not required for sun angles less than 42 degrees, nor if air conditioning is provided, nor if Low E glass is installed.	246-366-050(9)		X	

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