

**WAC 296-307-445 Scope.**

**IMPORTANT :**

**Dip tank.** A container holding a liquid other than plain water that is used for dipping or coating. An object may be completely or partially immersed (in a dip tank) or it may be suspended in a vapor coming from the tank.

**Exemption:** Dip tanks that use a molten material (molten metal, alloy, salt, etc.) are not covered by this chapter.

This chapter **applies** to:

(1) A dip tank that uses a liquid other than plain water, or the vapor of the liquid, to:

- (a) Clean an object;
- (b) Coat an object;
- (c) Alter the surface of an object;

**OR**

- (d) Change the character of an object.
- (2) Draining or drying an object that has been dipped or coated.

Examples of covered dipping and coating operations include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Paint dipping;
- (b) Anodizing;
- (c) Pickling;
- (d) Quenching;
- (e) Tanning;
- (f) Degreasing;
- (g) Stripping;
- (h) Cleaning;
- (i) Dyeing.

**Reference:** The employer has to do a hazard assessment to identify hazards or potential hazards in the workplace and determine if PPE is necessary to protect employees. See personal protective equipment (PPE), WAC 296-307-100 through 296-307-10025.

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