

WAC 296-831-450 Security personnel requirements. (1) An adult entertainment establishment must provide at least one dedicated security person on the premises during operating hours whose primary duty is security, including monitoring interactions between entertainers and customers.

(2) During peak operating hours, security personnel cannot have duties other than security. Peak operating hours includes the times of the day, and days of the week, when customer volume at the establishment is the highest. Establishments must have a method for determining peak operating hours, and can utilize information such as a log of day-to-day customer volume, electronic point of sale activity in the establishment, or other mechanism that a club utilizes to track customer volume from the preceding 90-day period.

(3) Establishments must assess when the need for additional security personnel exists. This need could occur outside of the established peak operating hours, and the assessment of any such need must take into consideration any events or activities occurring in the establishment which could yield a reasonable expectation of an increase in customer volume. When determining the appropriate number of security personnel, establishments must also consider:

(a) The size of the establishment, such as total square footage;

(b) The layout and floor plan of the establishment, such as line of sight between security personnel and entertainers, and areas of the establishment accessible by customers;

(c) The occupancy and customer volume, such as the occupancy rating, and average customer volume from the preceding 90-day period;

(d) Security cameras and panic buttons, such as the number of security cameras operational on the premises of the establishment, how comprehensively security cameras capture the premises, and how security cameras and panic buttons are monitored by staff in the establishment;

(e) The history of security events at the establishment, such as the number of reports filed with law enforcement, and the number of customers added to the blocklist, in the preceding 90-day period; and

(f) Whether the establishment currently holds any license issued under chapter 66.24 RCW.

(4) If a security issue arises outside of peak operating hours, the dedicated security personnel required under subsection (1) of this section must be immediately relieved of any additional duties and be available to provide immediate assistance to entertainers.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, 49.17.470, chapter 49.17 RCW, and 2024 c 250. WSR 24-24-074, s 296-831-450, filed 12/2/24, effective 1/2/25.]