

Policy | 501.00 | Flammable Liquids Aboard Ferries

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Purpose

This policy clarifies the restriction on handling flammable liquids and hazardous materials onboard Pierce County Ferries.

Restrictions

Under Federal Rules and Washington State Law, passengers are prohibited from carrying flammable liquids on Pierce County Ferries. These prohibited liquids include gasoline, propane, LPG, JP5, kerosene, and others. Persons attempting to bring these materials onboard the ferry will be required to properly dispose of the liquid and the container before riding and may incur a citation by law enforcement for violation of RCW 9.91.025 – Unlawful Transit Conduct. Repeated violations may result in restriction from riding on the Pierce County Ferry system.

Federal Rules

Per the Federal Code of Regulations 49 Part 176.76 “Transport Vehicles, Freight Containers, and Portable Tanks Containing Hazardous Materials” section (f) paragraph (1):

“a hazardous material may be carried on board a vessel in a portable tank subject to the following conditions:

Small passenger vessels of 100 gross tons, or less, may carry a hazardous material in a portable tank only when 16 or less passengers are on board and only when specifically authorized by the Officer-in-Charge, Marine Inspection, by endorsement of the vessel’s Certificate of Inspection.”

State Law

Per RCW 9.91.025 “Unlawful Transit Conduct”, a person is in violation if they: *“Carr[y] any flammable liquid, explosive, acid, or other article or material likely to cause harm to others, except that nothing herein prevents a person from carrying a cigarette, cigar, or pipe lighter or carrying a firearm or ammunition in a way that is not otherwise prohibited by law”*

Revision History

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