For questions about legal scales, contact companies listed in your local phone directories under SCALES.

Washington State Weights and Measures:
(360) 902-1857
Email: wtsmeasures@agr.wa.gov
http://www.agr.wa.gov/Inspection/WeightsMeasures/default.asp

City of Seattle - Weights and Measures:
(206) 386-1298
Email: seattle.consumer-affairs@seattle.gov

City of Spokane - Weights and Measures:
(509) 625-6611
Email: sparker@spokanecity.org

Washington State Department of Licensing:
(360) 664-1400
Email: MLS@dol.wa.gov
http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/weightsandmeasures.html

Contact:
Washington State Department of Agriculture
PO Box 42560
Olympia WA 98504-2560
360.902.1857
http://agr.wa.gov/wm
**Weighing and Measuring Devices Laws**

In Washington State, no weighing or measuring instrument or device may be used for commercial purposes unless its commercial use is registered annually.

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) [RCW 19.94.015]

All weighing or measuring instruments or devices used for commercial purposes within this state shall be correct.

[RCW 19.94.165]

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**Market Manager’s Responsibilities**

- Ensure that vendors have a master business license issued by the Washington Department of Licensing (DOL).
- Verify the registration of a scale on the vendor’s master business license.
- If the scale is not registered, ask them to do so by contacting DOL using the contact information at the end of this brochure.

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**Vendor’s Responsibilities**

- All scales that are being used must be registered with DOL.
- Vendors are required to use scales that weigh accurately and use the correct type of scale. It is illegal to use portion scales and scales displaying “not legal for trade”.
- Scales must be placed in a reasonable position for the customer to observe the weighing and the weight display.
- All sales must be conducted using net weight. Net weight means the weight of the product only, excluding the wrappers, labeling, and containers “tare”.
- All prepackaged products require a label stating the product identity and the net weight.

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**Weights and Measures Inspector’s Responsibilities**

- Check for the registration of a scale on the vendor’s Master Business License.
- Inspect a scale for accuracy.
- Inspect a scale for correct use.
- Inspect scale placement.
- Inspector’s approval of a scale will be completed with the application of a state seal to the scale.
- Inspector’s rejection of a scale will require that it must either be repaired by a service agent or replaced as the situation requires.