

(Effective October 1, 2020)

WAC 296-880-10020 Fall protection work plan required at ten feet or more. (1) The employer must develop and implement a written fall protection work plan including each area of the work place where the employees are assigned and where fall hazards of ten feet or more exist.

(2) The fall protection work plan must:

(a) Identify all fall hazards in the work area;

(b) Describe the method of fall arrest or fall restraint to be provided;

(c) Describe the proper procedures for the assembly, maintenance, inspection, and disassembly of the fall protection system to be used;

(d) Describe the proper procedures for the handling, storage, and securing of tools and materials;

(e) Describe the method of providing overhead protection for workers who may be in, or pass through the area below the work area;

(f) Describe the method for prompt, safe removal of injured workers; and

(g) Be available on-site for inspection by the department.

(3) Prior to permitting employees into areas where fall hazards of ten feet or more exist the employer must ensure employees are trained and instructed in the items described in subsection (2)(a) through (f) of this section.

Note: A fall protection work plan is not required where the use of a guardrail system eliminates the fall hazard.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 20-12-091, § 296-880-10020, filed 6/2/20, effective 10/1/20.]