

WAC 296-307-25003 What definitions apply to this section?

"Floor hole" means an opening with the smallest dimension between one and 12 inches, in any floor, platform, pavement, or yard, through which materials may fall but not people. Examples are a belt hole, pipe opening, or slot opening.

"Floor opening" means an opening with the smallest dimension of 12 inches or more, in any floor, platform, pavement, or yard, through which people may fall. Examples are a hatchway, stair or ladder opening, pit, or large manhole. Floor openings occupied by elevators, dumb waiters, conveyors, machinery, or containers are excluded from this definition.

"Handrail" means a single bar or pipe supported on brackets from a wall or partition to furnish persons with a handhold in case of tripping.

"Platform" means a working space for people that is elevated above the surrounding floor or ground, such as a balcony or platform for the operation of machinery and equipment.

"Runway" means a passageway used by people that is elevated above the surrounding floor or ground level, such as a footwalk along shafting or a walkway between buildings.

"Standard railing" means a vertical barrier along exposed edges of a floor opening, wall opening, ramp, platform, or runway to prevent people from falling.

"Standard strength and construction" means any construction of railings, covers, or other guards that meets the requirements of this section.

"Stair railing" means a vertical barrier along exposed sides of a stairway to prevent people from falling.

"Toeboard" means a vertical barrier at floor level along exposed edges of a floor opening, wall opening, platform, runway, or ramp to prevent materials from falling.

"Wall hole" means an opening between one and 30 inches high, of any width, in any wall or partition, such as a ventilation hole or drainage scupper.

"Wall opening" means an opening at least 30 inches high and 18 inches wide, in any wall or partition, through which people may fall, such as a yard-arm doorway or chute opening.

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