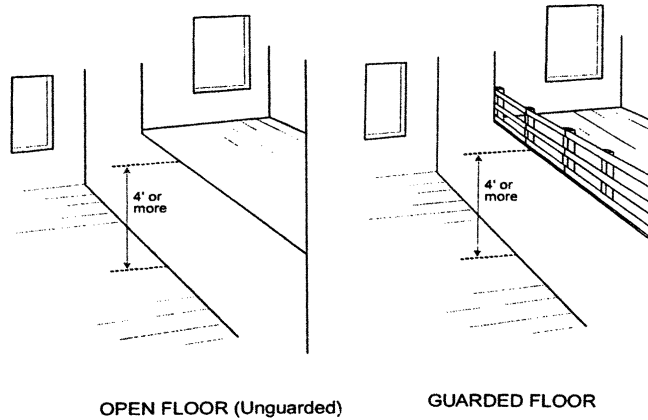


WAC 296-800-26010 Protect open-sided floors and platforms.



(1) You must guard open-sided floors and platforms.

(a) Guard open-sided floors and platforms four feet or more above adjacent floor or ground level by a railing. The entrance to a ramp, stairway, or fixed ladder does not need a railing.

(b) Guard open-sided floors, walkways and platforms above or adjacent to dangerous equipment, pickling or galvanizing tanks, degreasing units, and other similar hazards, regardless of height with a railing and toeboard.

(2) You must make sure tools and loose materials are not left on overhead platforms and scaffolds.

Note:

- Where the guarding rules above do not apply because employees exposure to falls is infrequent (not on a predictable and regular basis), you must comply with the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) rules (WAC 296-800-160) or other effective fall protection must be provided.
- You can find the minimum requirements for standard railings of various types of construction in WAC 296-24-75011.

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