

**(Effective until October 1, 2020)**

**WAC 296-870-50010 Fall protection.** (1) You must make sure the fall protection system of both Type F and Type T powered platforms meet the requirements of Appendix C—Personal fall arrest system, WAC 296-24-88050, found in the General safety and health standards, chapter 296-24 WAC.

(2) You must make sure working platforms have permanent guardrails that meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Guardrails on the building side (front) of the platform have a top rail that is not less than thirty-eight inches and not more than forty-five inches high.

(b) Guardrails on the other three sides have a top rail that is not less than forty-five inches high.

(c) Top rails are able to withstand a force of at least two hundred pounds.

(d) Guardrails have a midrail around the entire platform between the top rail and the toeboard.

**Reference:** Ramps and walkways that are four feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level need to have a guardrail system. These requirements are found in Working Surfaces, Guarding Floors and Wall Openings, Ladders, Part J-1, in the General safety and health standards, chapter 296-24 WAC.

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**(Effective October 1, 2020)**

**WAC 296-870-50010 Fall protection.** (1) You must make sure the fall protection system of both Type F and Type T powered platforms meet the requirements of chapter 296-880 WAC, Unified safety standards for fall protection.

(2) You must make sure working platforms have permanent guardrails that meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Guardrails on the building side (front) of the platform have a top rail that is not less than thirty-nine inches and not more than forty-five inches high.

(b) Guardrails on the other three sides have a top rail that is not less than forty-five inches high.

(c) Top rails are able to withstand a force of at least two hundred pounds.

(d) Guardrails have a midrail around the entire platform between the top rail and the toeboard.

**Reference:** Ramps and walkways that are four feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level need to have a guardrail system. These requirements are found in chapter 296-880 WAC, Unified safety standards for fall protection.

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