

**WAC 296-305-06515 Hose drying towers.** (1) The floor openings on hose tower platforms must be equipped with a forty-two inch guardrail with midrail and must be capable of withstanding a force of 250 pounds applied in any direction at any point on the top rail. The work platform must be equipped with toeboards.

(2) The requirements for offset ladder platforms and ladder cage guards, when ladders extend beyond twenty feet, must apply to hose drying towers.

(3) Ropes and attachments used to hoist hose in the hose towers must have a breaking strength of 1500 pounds for a safe load strength of 300 pounds (five-to-one safety factor).

(4) Approved head protection must be worn by all persons in the hose tower whenever hose handling/hanging operations are taking place.

(5) Ropes utilizing a pulley block must be appropriately sized for the sheave to prevent possible jamming or damage to the rope.

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