

**WAC 296-878-19005 Select appropriate boatswains' chairs. (1)**

You must make sure that when you use a block and tackle, it is the correct size, including:

- (a) Correctly sized ball bearings or bushed blocks;
- (b) Safety hooks;
- (c) Eye-spliced rope;
- (d) A minimum breaking strength of five thousand pounds.

(2) You must make sure all rope used with a boatswain's chair has a minimum breaking strength of five thousand pounds, including rope used for:

- (a) Suspension;
- (b) Block and tackle;
- (c) Seat slings.

(3) You must make sure the ropes on boatswain's chair seat slings:

- (a) Are reeved through the four corner holes in the seat;
- (b) Cross each other on the underside of the seat;
- (c) Are rigged so the chair cannot slip out of a level position.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 14-09-095, § 296-878-19005, filed 4/22/14, effective 7/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 02-22-027, § 296-878-19005, filed 10/28/02, effective 1/1/03.]