

**WAC 296-155-201 Definitions applicable to this chapter. Catenary life line.** A horizontal rope between two fixed anchorages, independent of the work surface, to which the lanyard is attached, either by tying or by means of a sliding connection. A catenary life line must be capable of supporting a minimum dead weight of 5,400 pounds per person, applied at the midpoint of the line.

**Contaminant.** Any material which by reason of its action upon, within, or to a person or object is likely to cause physical harm.

**Dropline.** A vertical rope from a fixed anchorage, independent of the work surface, to which the lanyard is affixed or tied.

**Fixed anchorage.** A secure point of attachment, not a part of the work surface, for droplines, lifelines, catenary life lines, or lanyards. The fixed anchorage and its appurtenances must be capable of supporting a minimum dead weight of 5,400 pounds per worker.

**Lanyard.** A rope, suitable for supporting one person. One end is fastened to a safety belt or harness and the other end is secured to a substantial object or a safety line.

**Lifeline.** A rope, suitable for supporting one person, to which a lanyard or safety belt (or harness) is attached.

**O.D.** Optical density and refers to the light refractive characteristics of a lens.

**Radiant energy.** Energy that travels outward in all directions from its source.

**Safety belt.** A device, usually worn around the waist which, by reason of its attachment to a lanyard and lifeline or a structure, will prevent a worker from falling.

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