

**WAC 296-307-28024 Guarding vertical and inclined belts.** (1)

Vertical and inclined belts must be guarded according to WAC 296-307-28044 and 296-307-28050 through 296-307-28060.

(2) All guards for inclined belts must provide a minimum clearance of 7 feet between belt and floor at any point outside of the guard.

(3) A vertical or inclined belt may be guarded with a nip-point belt and pulley guard, if it is:

(a) 2-1/2 inches wide or less;

(b) Running at a speed of less than one thousand feet per minute; and

(c) Free from metal lacings or fastenings.

**Nip-point belt and pulley guard.** A device that encloses the pulley and has rounded or rolled edge slots through which the belt passes.

(4) Vertical belts running over a lower pulley more than seven feet above floor or platform must be guarded according to the same requirements as horizontal overhead belts, if the belt is:

(a) Located over passageways or work places and traveling 1,800 feet or more per minute;

(b) Eight inches wider or more.

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