What requirements apply to 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" means 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.