

WAC 296-307-52037 Using platforms for hoisting employees. A platform built specifically for hoisting people may be used to lift employees when:

(1) The platform is securely attached to the forks and has standard guardrails and toeboards installed on all sides.

(2) The hydraulic system is designed so that the lift mechanism will not drop faster than 135 feet per minute in the event of a failure in any part of the system. Forklifts used for elevating work platforms are identified as meeting this requirement.

(3) A safety strap is installed or the control lever is locked to prevent the boom from tilting.

(4) An operator attends the lift equipment while employees are on the platform.

(5) The operator is in the normal operating position while raising or lowering the platform.

(6) The vehicle remains stationary while employees are on the platform.

Exception: Inching or maneuvering at very slow speed is permissible.

(7) The area between employees on the platform and the mast is adequately guarded to prevent contact with chains or other shear points.

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