

**WAC 296-307-25003 Definitions that apply to this section.**

**Hand-rail.** A rail used to provide employees with a handhold for support.

**Hole.** A gap or void two inches or more in its least dimension, in a floor, roof, or other surface.

**Opening.** A gap or void thirty inches (76 cm) or more high and eighteen inches (48 cm) or more wide, in a wall or partition, through which employees can fall to a lower level.

**Platform.** A work surface elevated above the surrounding floor or ground.

**Runway.** A passageway for persons, elevated above the surrounding floor or ground level, such as a footwalk along shafting or a walkway between buildings.

**Stair railing.** A vertical barrier along exposed sides of a stairway to prevent people from falling.

**Standard railing.** A vertical barrier along exposed edges of a floor opening, wall opening, ramp, platform, or runway to prevent people from falling.

**Standard strength and construction.** Any construction of railings, covers, or other guards that meets the requirements of this section.

**Toeboard.** A vertical barrier at floor level along open sides or edges of a floor opening, platform, runway, ramp, or other walking/working surface to prevent materials, tools, or debris from falling onto persons passing through or working in the area below.

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