

Unified Fall Protection Quick Reference Guide

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GENERAL FALL PROTECTION FOR ALL INDUSTRIES	THRESHOLD HEIGHT
Above or adjacent to dangerous equipment	Regardless of height
Holes into which an employee can trip, step into, or step through	Regardless of height
Falling into or onto impalement hazards	Regardless of height
When on a walking/working surface	Four feet or more
Ramps, runways, and inclined walkways	Four feet or more
Holes where work is being performed	Four feet or more
Skylights	Four feet or more
Hatchway and chute openings	Four feet or more
Ladderways	Four feet or more
Pits and trap door holes	Four feet or more
Repair pits and service pits	Four feet or more
Manholes	Four feet or more
Openings	Four feet or more
Formwork and reinforcing work	Four feet or more
Steep pitch roof – regardless of task	Four feet or more
Low pitch roofs – other than roofing work or constructing a leading edge	Four feet or more
Hazardous slopes	Four feet or more
Vehicles and rolling stock – if unable to provide fall protection or creates a greater hazard	Four feet or more
Construction work *See also Chapter 155 WAC	
Roofing work on a low pitch roof	Six Feet
Constructing a leading edge	Six Feet
Engaged in the erection or placement of structural members	Ten feet
Engaged in excavation and trenching operations	Ten feet
Elevating work platforms *See also Chapter 869 WAC	
Vehicle mounted aerial devices	Regardless of height

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Manually propelled and self-propelled elevating work platforms	Regardless of height if required by manufacturer
Boom supported elevating work platforms	Regardless of height
Powered Platforms <i>*See also Chapter 870 WAC</i>	
Working on a roof or other elevated working area	Four feet or more
Window Cleaning <i>*See also Chapter 878 WAC</i>	
Working on a roof or other elevated working area	Four feet or more
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Scaffolds <i>*See also Chapter 874 WAC</i>	
Working on a scaffold	Ten feet or more
Cranes – Under the scope of Chapter 155 Part L	
For nonassembly/disassembly work	Six feet or more
For assembly/disassembly work	Ten feet or more
Towercranes – Work <u>other than</u> erecting, climbing, and dismantling	Six feet or more
Towercranes – erecting, climbing, and dismantling work	Ten feet or more
Telecommunications work <i>*See also Chapter 32 WAC</i>	Four feet or more
Qualified electrical workers <i>*See also Chapter 45 WAC</i>	Four feet or more
Ship Repairing, Shipbuilding and Shipbreaking <i>*See also Chapter 304</i>	
Working aloft or elsewhere at elevation	Five feet or more
Longshore, Stevedore and Waterfront Related Operations <i>*See also Chapter 56 WAC</i>	
Maintenance work on cranes, spouts or similar types of equipment	Eight feet or more
Floor or wall openings or waterside edges, including bridges or gangway-like structures	Four feet or more
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