

**WAC 296-96-05190 Pits.** The following requirements shall apply to lift pits:

- (1) Have noncombustible floors;
  - (2) Be designed to prevent the entry of groundwater into the pit;
  - (3) Have floors that are substantially level;
  - (4) Where provided, drains shall not be directly connected to sewers;
  - (5) Provide safe and convenient access to the pit;
  - (6) Have an approved access ladder for pits deeper than 36 in.;
- and
- (7) Have nonperforated metal guards installed on the open sides of the counterweights where spring, solid or oil type buffers are attached. These guards shall:
    - (a) Extend from a point not more than 12 in. above the pit floor to a point at least 84 in. but not more than 96 in. above the floor;
    - (b) Be fastened to a properly reinforced and braced metal frame which will be at least equal in strength and stiffness to No. 14 U.S. gauge sheet steel; and
    - (c) Be omitted on the pit side where compensating chains or ropes are attached to the counterweight.

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