

**WAC 296-96-24422 Guarding of entrances and exits.** (1) All man-lift floor or landing entrances and exits shall be guarded by either a maze (staggered railing) or a handrail equipped with self-closing gates.

(2) When a maze is used:

(a) Maze or staggered openings shall not allow direct passage between a platform enclosure and the outer floor space;

(b) Rails shall be located between 24 and 48 in. from the edge of the opening as measured at right angles to the face of the belt; and

(c) At openings, the intersection of the top rail and the end post shall form a bend or standard long sweep "ell."

(3) When a handrail is used:

(a) Rails shall be standard guardrails; and

(b) Gates shall have rounded corners, open outward, and be self-closing.

(4) Unless prevented by building design, all entrances and exits at all landings shall be in the same relative location.

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