(1) You must guard open-sided floors and platforms.
   (a) Guard open-sided floors and platforms four feet or more above
       adjacent floor or ground level by a railing. The entrance to
       a ramp, stairway, or fixed ladder does not need a railing.
   (b) Guard open-sided floors, walkways and platforms above or ad-
       jacent to dangerous equipment, pickling or galvanizing tanks,
       degreasing units, and other similar hazards, regardless of
       height with a railing and toeboard.
(2) You must make sure tools and loose materials are not left on
overhead platforms and scaffolds.

Note:
• Where the guarding rules above do not apply because employees exposure to falls is infrequent (not on a predictable and regular basis), you
must comply with the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) rules (WAC 296-800-160) or other effective fall protection must be provided.
• You can find the minimum requirements for standard railings of various types of construction in WAC 296-24-75011.

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