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Policy Statement

From: Carl Dunham, CBCO

Re: Definition of grade at exterior decks

Effective Date: Immediately

There is some question about the definition of grade when related to the need for a guard at the edge of the walking surface for exterior decks.

For the purpose of defining the need for a guard, grade is defined as the lowest point of the adjacent ground within 5 feet of the edge of the walking surface. Under this definition, if grade is more than 30 inches from the walking surface a guard will be required.

The guard shall comply with all code requirements of the International Building Code or International Residential Code as appropriate for the specific building or structure.