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**Question:**

Florida Building Code - Building Chapter 16 specifies load requirements for handrails and guardrails. Do the deflection limits specified in sections 1604 and 1613 also apply to the structural components of handrails and guardrails?

**Answer**

No. The loading requirements for handrails and guards are contained in Florida Building Code - Building section 1607.7. for the non-HVHZ zones and section 1618.4.6 for the HVHZ zones.

**Commentary:**

None.

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