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Section R4101.6.1

Question:

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code - Residential Section R4101.6.1 and the reference to ANSI/NSPI-3 Residential Spa Standard to cover ALL seats/sitting bench at a maximum water depth of 28" and not just only "Multi-level seating"? In a residential spa, what is the maximum water depth to the single depth seat/sitting bench?

Answer

Yes. Although the provision is found in Florida Building Code - Residential Section R4101.6.1, Multi-Level Seating, the provision does not apply solely to multi-level seating, but establishes the maximum depth of any seat.

Commentary:

From NSI-NSPI- 3-1999: "5.3 Multi-Level Seating: Multi-level seating may be provided, but the maximum water depth of ANY seat or sitting bench shall be twenty-eight inches (28") [71.12 cm] measured from the waterline."

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