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Section P2708.1

Question:

Is it the intent of P2708.1 to require every shower door at a shower enclosure to swing outward for a single-family home, while this "outswing" requirement does not exist for a shower door at a shower enclosure in ANY other residential use (ie: apartments) under the provisions of the florida building code or florida plumbing code?

Answer

Yes. The door must swing outward.

Commentary:

This is probably put in place to allow emergency personnel to access someone needing medical assistance after fainting or falling within a shower enclosure.

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