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Section R612.2

Question:

What is the intent of the definition of the word "surface" in regards to this code section? See comment below...

Answer

The 72 inch dimension is the measurement on the outdoor side of the window, so the surface could possibly be a roof, or deck, or other element.

Commentary:

Having said that, the surface should be flat and / or have a means to prevent a person from rolling off of it. The intent is to prevent a condition where a fall greater than 6 ft in height could occur, such as would occur from a second story window to grade below.

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