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## Question:

What is the intent of "The walking surface of each element in the means of egress shall be uniformly slip resistant along the natural path of travel"?

## Answer

It is a general statement with the intent of preventing slippery surfaces. While not adopted by the building or fire prevention code, ASTM F 1637 Standard Practice for Safe Walking Surfaces will provide some guidance for decision making.

## Commentary:

ou will not find one. There are too many variables to be able to do so: hence the general statement.

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