



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 4101.17.1.11

Question:

Is it the intent of this section to allow the use of a standard screen enclosure, constructed of nylon bug screen only, without any guard provision in the lower 48 inches, to serve as the barrier requirement?

Answer

If the bug screen is part of a screen enclosure, it will meet the requirements of the child barrier.

Commentary:

The code specifically states so. The top of the barrier is typically much higher than 48 inches. The code calls for "at least 48 inches".

R4101.17.1.11

Standard screen enclosures which meet the requirements of Section R4101.17 may be utilized as part of or all of the barrier and shall be considered a nondwelling wall. Removable child barriers shall have one end of the barrier nonremovable without the aid of tools.

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