



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 306.5.1

Question:

Is it the intent of this section to assure that an appliance (range hood fan) mounted on the roof of a residence, have a level service platform with guardrails?

Answer

While it is true that Residential Code Section 1301.1 directs the reader to the Florida Mechanical Code, the section that requires level workspaces and guardrails is Section 306.5 (not 305.5.1). In that section, there is an exception that states, "This section shall not apply to Group R-3 occupancies." Section 306.5.1 is subordinate to 306.5 so its requirements do not apply in R-3 occupancies. If the residence is an R-3 (single-family home), no such platform with guardrails is required.

Commentary:

None

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