



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 2411.5.1

Question:

Is it the intent of the code to apply these requirements only to high velocity hurricane zones? If the answer is yes, why is there no code concern for people falling out of a window in other areas??

Answer

Yes. These specific requirements are only applicable in the HVHZ. Outside the HVHZ, the base code uses other means to ensure the safety of building occupants with regard to glazed openings.

Commentary:

In other areas of the state Sections 1405.13.2 and R612.2 in the FBC 2010 and Sections 1013.8 and R312.2.1 in the FBC 5th Edition address the issue.

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