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Section R310 Emergency Escape

Question:

Is it the intent of R310.1 to not allow an emergency escape opening from a bedroom onto a unscreened and unenclosed balcony that has a roof projecting above and is located on the second or third floor?

Answer

Yes, because of the explanation in the comment. You can have an EERO under a deck or porch, but there has to be access to the public way. Jumping from a second or third floor balcony or deck is not considered means of egress.

Commentary:

None

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