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Section 312.1

Question:

1. For a pool deck that is elevated greater than 30" above grade, is a guard required per section 312?
2. in the above situation, If a deck level planter is placed along the edge of the deck requiring you to walk through the planter to access the edge, would this eliminate the need for fall protection? If yes, what would be the requirements of the planter?

Answer

Yes to part 1 and No to part 2

Commentary:

In the described scenario, a guard is required.

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