



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 2406.4.2

Question:

Is it the intent of Exception 2 to allow the use of fixtures such as a countertop that is 26" wide by 36" high as a permanent barrier in order to forego the requirement for safety glazing where glazing in an individual operable panel adjacent to a door where the nearest vertical edge of the glazing is within a 24-inch arc of either vertical edge of the door in a closed position and where the bottom exposed edge of the glazing is less than 60 inches above the walking surface?

Answer

The intent was to not have glazing in an area that a human could contact while operating the door. Exception 2 allows for a permanent barrier to fulfill the requirement to distance the human from the glazing. A base cabinet most likely does not meet the barrier requirement.

Commentary:

None.

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