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Section 1015.8

Question:

Can a sliding glass door used as a full length window on a second floor of a condo with grade over 72" below be used without guards if a Window Opening Control Device (WOCD) is utilized to keep door from opening over 4"?

Answer

A sliding glass door is not typically considered to be a window and, as such, would not be subject to the requirement. However, if the question is could a WOCD be used on a SGD, the answer is probably, if the use is voluntary and the installation will meet the manufacturer's specifications and instructions as shown in their product approval. The code does not require a WOCD on sliding glass doors. As a door, the code does require a landing on both sides of the door per 1010.1.5 or R311.3. If the landing is then more than 30" above grade per R312.1.1 or 1015.2, a guard would then be required.

Commentary:

None

Notice:

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