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Re: National Building Code 2015 Changes to Permit Ornamental Guards

This letter serves to inform its recipients that on March 29th, 2015 the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (CCBFC) accepted technical changes to the guard requirements in Articles 9.8.8.6. and 3.3.1.18. These changes will be incorporated into the upcoming 2015 National Building Code.

Specifically, the use of ornamental guards will now be permitted in a location where they protect a level located 4.2 metres or less above the adjacent level. (Refer to attached change forms).

Article 9.8.8.6 Extract

"Except for guards in industrial occupancies, guards required by Article 9.8.8.1. that protect a level located more than 4.2 m above the adjacent level shall be designed so that no member, attachment or opening located between 140 mm and 900 mm above the level protected by the guard facilitates climbing."

These changes have been subjected to the full code change process including technical review and analysis, Public Consultation, and disposition of public comments. The responsible Standing Committees on Housing and Small Buildings and Use and Egress have both recommended the acceptance of these changes to the CCBFC.

Sincerely

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