

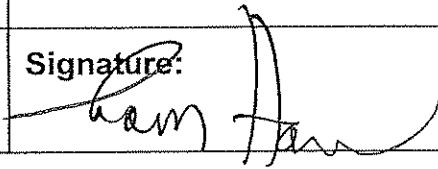


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Building Code Interpretation Fire Safety 001

R-3 Exterior Opening Protection

Subject: Opening protection requirements for exterior walls for an R-3 occupancy	Date: December 5, 2007
San Francisco Building Code Sections: 704.5, 704.8, Tables 601, 602, & 704.8	Code Year: 2007
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Question: How does DBI interpret Table 704.8, Footnote c. regarding opening protection for R-3 buildings with respect to side and rear property lines?	

Answer:

In the area from three to five feet from a side or rear property line, the total area of openings is allowed in up to 25% of the area of the exterior wall in any story of an R-3 occupancy, per Table 704.8, Exception c. All of these openings may be unprotected.

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