

# 2021 Virginia Construction Code

## APPENDIX I PATIO COVERS

### SECTION I103 EXTERIOR WALLS AND OPENINGS

#### I103.1 Enclosure walls.

Enclosure walls shall be permitted to be of any configuration, provided that the open or glazed area of the longer wall and one additional wall is equal to not less than 65 percent of the area below not less than 6 feet 8 inches (2032 mm) of each wall, measured from the floor. Openings shall be permitted to be enclosed with insect screening, translucent or transparent plastic conforming to the provisions of [Sections 2606](#) through [2610](#), glass conforming to the provisions of [Chapter 24](#) or any combination of the foregoing.

#### I103.2 Light, ventilation and emergency egress.

Exterior openings of the *dwelling unit* required for light and ventilation shall be permitted to open into a patio structure. However, the patio structure shall be unenclosed if such openings are serving as emergency egress or rescue openings from sleeping rooms. Where such exterior openings serve as an exit from the dwelling unit, the patio structure, unless unenclosed, shall be provided with exits conforming to the provisions of [Chapter 10](#).