

**CHAPTER 3 BUILDING BLOCKS**

**SECTION 307  
PROTRUDING OBJECTS**

**307.1 General.**

Protruding objects on circulation paths shall comply with [Section 307](#).

**307.2 Protrusion Limits.**

Objects with leading edges more than 27 inches (685 mm) and not more than 80 inches (2030 mm) above the floor shall protrude 4 inches (100 mm) maximum horizontally into a circulation path.

**Exception:** Handrails shall be permitted to protrude  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches (115 mm) maximum.

**307.3 Post-Mounted Objects.**

Objects on posts or pylons shall be permitted to overhang 4 inches (100 mm) maximum where more than 27 inches (685 mm) and not more than 80 inches (2030 mm) above the floor. Objects on multiple posts or pylons where the clear distance between the posts or pylons is greater than 12 inches (305 mm) shall have the lowest edge of such object either 27 inches (685 mm) maximum or 80 inches (2030 mm) minimum above the floor.

**Exception:** Sloping portions of handrails between the top and bottom riser of stairs and above the ramp run shall not be required to comply with this section.

**307.4 Vertical Clearance.**

Vertical clearance shall be 80 inches (2030 mm) minimum. Rails or other barriers shall be provided where the vertical clearance is less than 80 inches (2030 mm). The leading edge of such rails or barrier shall be located 27 inches (685 mm) maximum above the floor.

**Exception:** Door closers and door stops shall be permitted to be 78 inches (1980 mm) minimum above the floor.

**307.5 Required Clear Width.**

Protruding objects shall not reduce the clear width required for accessible routes.