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## New guidance which is considered to be De Facto technical regulations under the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended).

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### Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 2. Member State

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#### 3. Originating Department

Scottish Government - Building Standards Division



#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

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#### **6. Products Concerned**

Construction Products

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

Draft amended technical guidance in:- Section 4: Safety within the Scottish Building Standards Technical Handbooks 2011

Standard 4.4 of the Scottish Building Standards calls for guarding to be provided, in the form of pedestrian protective barriers, in and around buildings where there is a sudden change in level. The purpose of the barrier is to prevent people from an accidental fall. The supporting guidance to the standard outlines the matters that should be considered in the design and construction of such barriers. This includes the recommendation that in buildings "where the presence of children is anticipated" the gaps should not allow a 100 mm diameter sphere to pass through. This limitation on gap size will reduce the risk of a child falling through the barrier.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

In response to a tragic accident where a child fell through a barrier in office premises, and died as a result of the injuries sustained in the fall, Scottish Ministers are now considering amending the guidance on pedestrian protective barriers.

The objective of the revised guidance is to further reduce the risk of a child falling through an opening within a protective barrier. The intention is that protective barriers in all buildings should be designed to prevent a child from passing through, rather than only those where their presence can be "anticipated". The guidance would allow certain buildings to have barriers with larger openings where it is clear children would not be present.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

References of the Basic Texts: Scottish Building Standards Technical Handbook (Domestic) - Section 4.4 - Pedestrian Protective Barriers (Word document)

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No



**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

No

**15. Impact assessment**

Yes

**16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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