

Safety Glass Handout

2015 MN Residential Code R308

The areas considered to be hazardous requiring tempered glass are:

1. Glass in any door, guards or railings, including all infill parts of guards and railings.
2. Glass within 24" of either side of a door when less than 60" above the floor.
3. Glass in fixed or operable panels that meet all of the following conditions:
 - Bottom edge is less than 18" above floor
 - Top edge is more than 36" above floor
 - One or more walking surfaces are within 36" horizontally in a straight line of the glass
 - Total area of glass is more than 9 square feet
4. Where the bottom of edge of glass is less than 60" above a standing surface and drain outlet of any bathtub, shower, hot tub, steam room or sauna.

Exception: Glass more than 60" horizontally from the water's edge.
5. Glass adjacent to stairs and ramps where the bottom exposed edge is less than 36" above walking surface of stairs, landings between flights of stairs and ramps.
6. Glass adjacent to landings at the bottom of a stairway when the glass is less than 36" above the landing and within 60" horizontally of the bottom stair tread.

Exception: When the glass is protected by a guard complying with R312.

