



# Washington State Building Code Council

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## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 14-21

**CODE:** 2012 International Building Code

**SECTION:** 1013.6 Mechanical equipment; [B] 304.11 Guards

**QUESTION:** Are guards required when repair or replacement work is being done on mechanical equipment on the roof of an existing commercial building, where the mechanical equipment is located within 10 feet of the roof edge?

**ANSWER:** **No.** The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries regulates fall protection requirements for work on rooftops under WAC 296-155. Guards are not required to be installed on existing commercial buildings.

**SUPERSEDES:** None

**REQUESTED BY:** City of Shoreline Building Department