

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO: I-19-09

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The following is being offered in response to your letter in which you seek a formal interpretation. The question would apply to positively anchored exit facilities.

Question:

Does Section R311.2.1, of the 2003 International Residential Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code, require a ramp that is being installed outside a non-required means of egress door from a single family dwelling to be positively anchored to the structure?

Answer:

Yes. The requirement for positive attachment to the primary structure applies to all exterior means of egress components used as part of an egress system whether part of the required exit or not. This is the same guidance as given in the 2003 ICC International Residential Code Commentary for this code section.