



Safety Glass Handout

2020 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 an individual fixed or operable panel that meets all of the following conditions:
 - The exposed area of an individual pane is larger than 9 square feet
 - The bottom edge of the glass is less than 18" above the floor
 - The top edge of the glass is more than 36" above the floor
 - One or more walking surfaces are within 36" horizontally in a straight line of the glass
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.
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: Glass more than 60" horizontally from the water's edge.

Exception: When the glass is protected by a guard complying with [R312](#).

