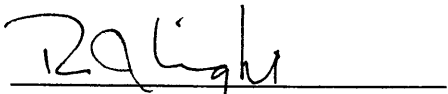


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Interpretation Date:	October 16, 2007	
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2006	
Subject:	Hinged Skylight Access to Roof Deck	
Keywords:	Access, Roof Access	
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Question:	<p>Is a spring-loaded hinged skylight or roof hatch at the top of the stair an acceptable means of providing access to and egress from an occupied roof deck serving one dwelling unit?</p>	
Interpretation:	<p>Yes, with provisions.</p> <p>Sentences 3.3.1.3.(3) and 9.9.7.1.(1) require that an access to exit shall be provided from every roof intended for occupancy.</p> <p>Part 3 and Part 9 of the Building Code do not prohibit the use of a skylight or a roof hatch as providing access to or egress from the roof deck.</p> <p>A spring-loaded hinged skylight or roof hatch is an acceptable means of providing access to and egress from an occupied roof deck serving a dwelling unit provided the stair, handrails and guards including the guard around the opening of the hinged skylight, comply with Sentence 3.3.4.7.(1) and Section 9.8; and its opening mechanism comply with Sentence 3.3.1.13.(4) and Clause 9.9.6.7.(1)(a).</p>	
		
R. J. Light, Committee Chair		
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