BC BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE AIBC, APEGBC, BOABC, POABC

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BC Building Code 1998	
Guards and landings between garage and dwelling	
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1.1.3.2., 9.8.4.2., 9.8.8.1	1.
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Question:

Are the stairs between the attached garage and a single family dwelling considered an exterior or interior stairs for the purpose of designing landings and guards?

Interpretation:

These stairs are considered to be interior stairs.

The definition of a building in Article 1.1.3.2. combines all occupancies or uses as one building within the single structure, therefore the stairs between the attached garage and the dwelling should be considered as interior.



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