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**INTERPRETATION**

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Subject:	Open mezzanine
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Building Code Reference(s):	Div. A 1.4.1.2.(1); Div. B 3.2.1.1.(3)(b), 3.2.1.1.(7)
<b>Question:</b>	<p>If a mezzanine is not considered as a storey, is it permitted to have a full height glass partition installed on the open edge of the mezzanine?</p>
<b>Interpretation:</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Clause 3.2.1.1.(3)(b) states that when a mezzanine is not considered as a storey, there cannot be any walls or partitions higher than 1070mm above the mezzanine floor, except for walls surrounding an enclosure that is less than 10% of the open area of the room in which the mezzanine is located per Sentence 3.2.1.1.(7).</p> <p>Partition is defined in Division A Sentence 1.4.1.2.(1) as a non-loadbearing 1 storey or part-storey high wall.</p>
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