

Inquiry: #2009-04

Subject: Window fall prevention standards, ASTM F 2006, ASTM F 2090

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Question: Are window fall prevention devices that meet the requirements of ASTM F 2006-08 or ASTM F 2090-08 acceptable as an alternate to ASTM F 2006-00 or ASTM F 2090-01a that are adopted in Minnesota rule 1303.2320?

Answer: Yes, the updated standards equal or exceed the adopted standards. There are many instances when standards are updated after the effective date of state rule adoption.

Background Information: The legislature required the division to adopt window fall prevention rules and standards by July 1, 2009. The ASTM committee was meeting to update the standards to the 2008 versions at the time the rule was being developed and it was the desire of the technical advisory committee to adopt the updated standards when they were completed, approved and published by ASTM. The 2008 editions of ASTM F 2006 and F2090, referenced as ASTM F 2006-08 and ASTM F 2090-08 are published and available on the ASTM website at www.astm.org. The revised standards fulfill the legislative intent to provide window fall protection through rulemaking that includes window fall prevention screens, hardware, guards or other devices that comply with ASTM F 2006 or ASTM F 2090 as listed in the rule.