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**Code Section:** 3405.1

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**Subject:** Replacement of existing glazing

**Question:** When replacing glazing in existing buildings does the framed opening have to be altered to meet current code requirements for emergency egress?

**Answer:** No.

**Analysis:** Section 3403.1 Existing building or structures states: "Portions of the structure not altered and not affected by the alteration are not required to comply with the code requirements for a new structure".

Removing an existing fenestration and replacing it with a new one that is the same size does not require an alteration to the framed opening, nor does it affect the structure.

However, the new fenestration must meet current code requirements which are:

- 1) Section 3405.1 states: "The installation or replacement of glass shall be as required for new installations". (note that this is specific to glass requirements and not framed opening requirements)
- 2) Section 1307.1.3.2 Existing buildings states: "New windows shall have a maximum U-factor of 0.40".

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