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## Massachusetts Residential Energy Code: Envelope and Building Science

1. 2012 IECC enclosure requirements
2. Strategies for code compliance
3. Recognize a good insulation job
4. How to reduce air leakage



# Audience Response System

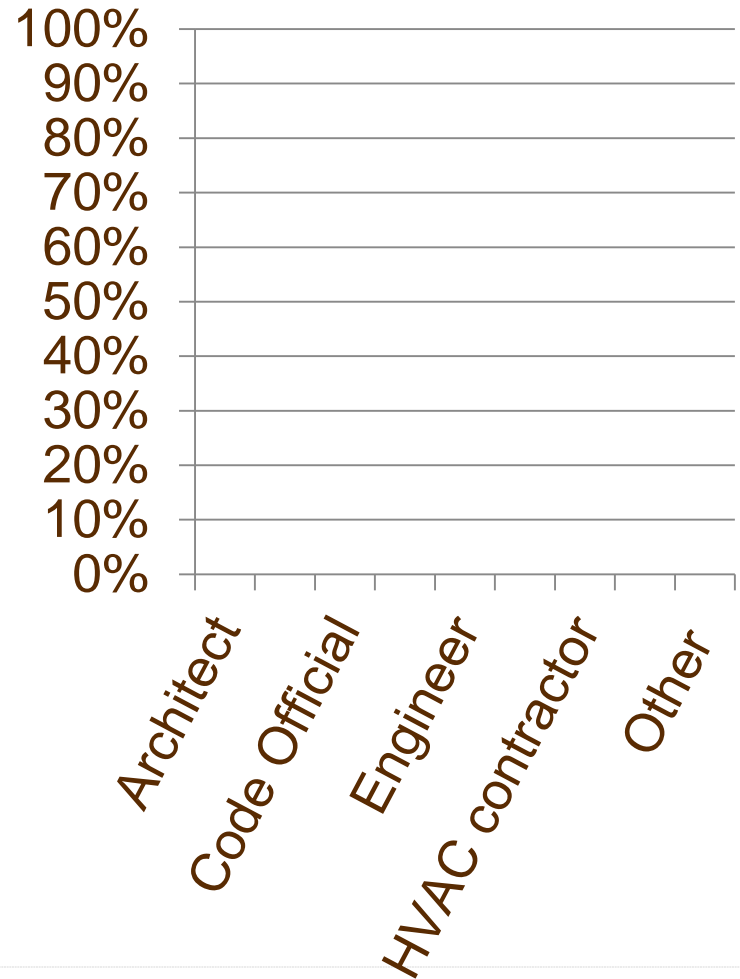
- Get out your clickers
- Question slides will appear
  - Be ready to respond



# Audience Makeup

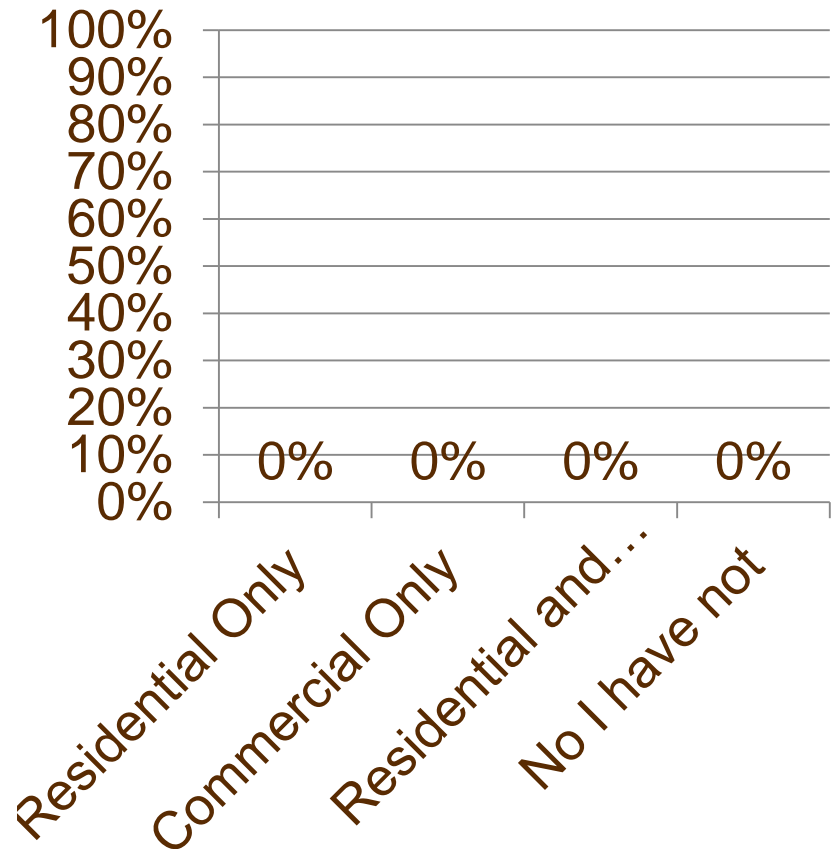
## Are you...?

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3. Code Official
4. Developer
5. Engineer
6. Manufacturer
7. HVAC contractor
8. Energy Specialist
9. Other



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4. No I have not





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- MA code officials
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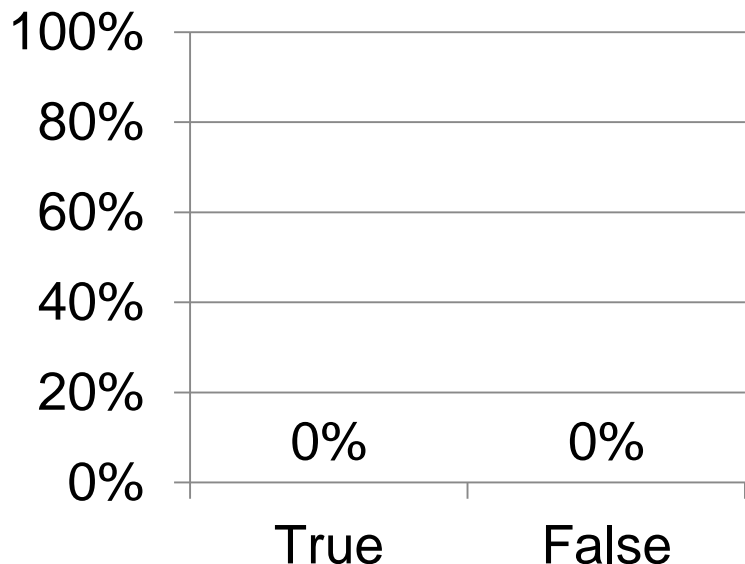
# 2012 IECC Air Leakage Requirement

Must comply with air barrier and insulation table

**AND**

3 ACH50 Leakage?

1. True
2. False





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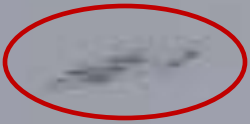




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**Question:** Which version of the *International Energy Conservation Code* does the Stretch Code utilize?

**Answer:** The IECC 2009. Note that the Stretch Code remains unchanged on July 1, 2014 and it applies to certain buildings, portions thereof and additions. (Refer to 115.AA, Section 101.2, “Scope”.)



# MA Stretch Code Compliance

Construction	Performance Option	Prescriptive Option
New Homes (0- 2,999 sq. ft)	HERS $\leq$ 70, TBC 2009 IECC	N/A
New Homes (3,000 sq. ft. +)	HERS $\leq$ 65, TBC 2009 IECC	N/A
Additions (0-2,999 sq. ft.)	HERS $\leq$ 70, TBC 2009 IECC	2009 IECC – Chap. 4, ENERGY STAR Windows, TBC, Ducts tested to 4%
Additions (3,000 sq. ft.+)	HERS $\leq$ 65, TBC 2009 IECC	2009 IECC – Chap. 4 ENERGY STAR Windows, TBC, Ducts tested to 4%
Renovations (0-1,999 sq. ft.)	HERS $\leq$ 85, TBC 2009 IECC	2009 IECC – Chap. 4 (fill cavity), TBC, ENERGY STAR Windows, Ducts 4%
Renovations (2,000 sq. ft. +)	HERS $\leq$ 80, TBC 2009 IECC	2009 IECC – Chap. 4 (fill cavity), TBC, ENERGY STAR Windows, Ducts 4%

- Blower Door 3 ACH50
- Attic R-49
- Basement wall R-15/19
- Duct Testing - Limits to leakage
  - 4 cfm/100 sq.ft.
  - 3 cfm/100 sq.ft. no air handler
- Mechanical ventilation
- Lighting 75% high efficacy

# Compliance Pathways

- Projects shall comply with
  - Mandatory Sections *and*
    - either
    - Prescriptive (Includes REScheck)
      - or
      - Performance

## 2012 IECC – R405

- Annual energy cost

## MA Amendments R405.7

- HERS
  - Index  $\leq 65$
  - ENERGY STAR Thermal Enclosure Checklist
- Passive House Planning Package (PHPP)
  - Specific space Heat Demand  $\leq 16$  kBtu/sq ft/year



# Table R402.1.1 Insulation Requirements (Prescriptive)

Component	2009 IECC	2012 IECC
Windows	U-0.35	<b>U-0.32</b>
Skylight	U-0.60	<b>U-0.55</b>
Ceiling	R-38	<b>R-49</b>
Frame Wall	R-20 or R-13 + 5	R-20 or R-13 + 5
Mass Wall	13 / 17 (Ext/Int)	13 / 17 (Ext/Int)
Floor	R-30	R-30
Basement / Crawlspace Wall	R-10 / R-13	<b>R-15 / R-19</b>
Slab R-Value / Depth	R-10 / 2 ft (+ R-5 heated)	R-10 / 2 ft (+ R-5 heated)



# Renovating Conditioned Space. What do I Have to do?

Applies to both new construction and renovation



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## General Insulation Requirements

All materials. . . shall be installed according to **manufacturer's instructions. . .**



# R303.1 Insulation markings



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# R303.1.1.1 Blown or Sprayed Roof/Ceiling Insulation

1/300 SF in  
attic, *facing*  
access

Blown FG  
or cellulose-  
Minimum  
initial  
thickness



# Bad Installation



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# Good Installation



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# Bad Installation



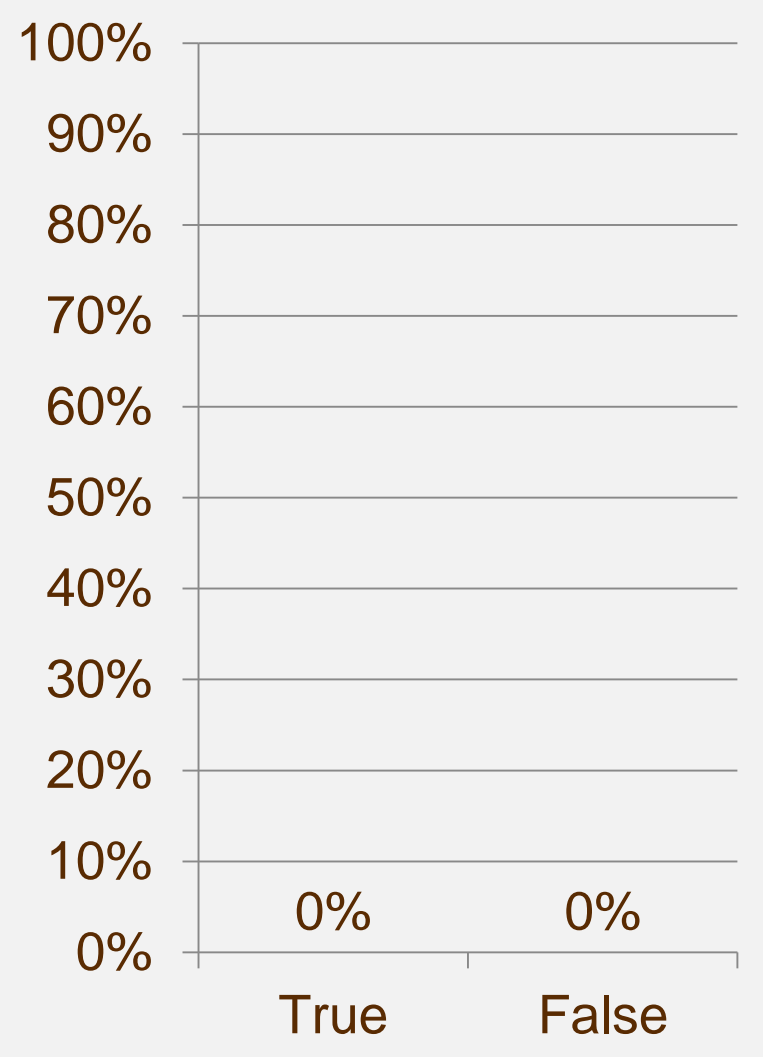
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# Good Installation



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# Foam Solves All Problems?





# Bad Installation



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# R402.4.1.2 Blower Door Testing (Mandatory)



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# R402.4.1.2

## Air Leakage Testing (Mandatory)

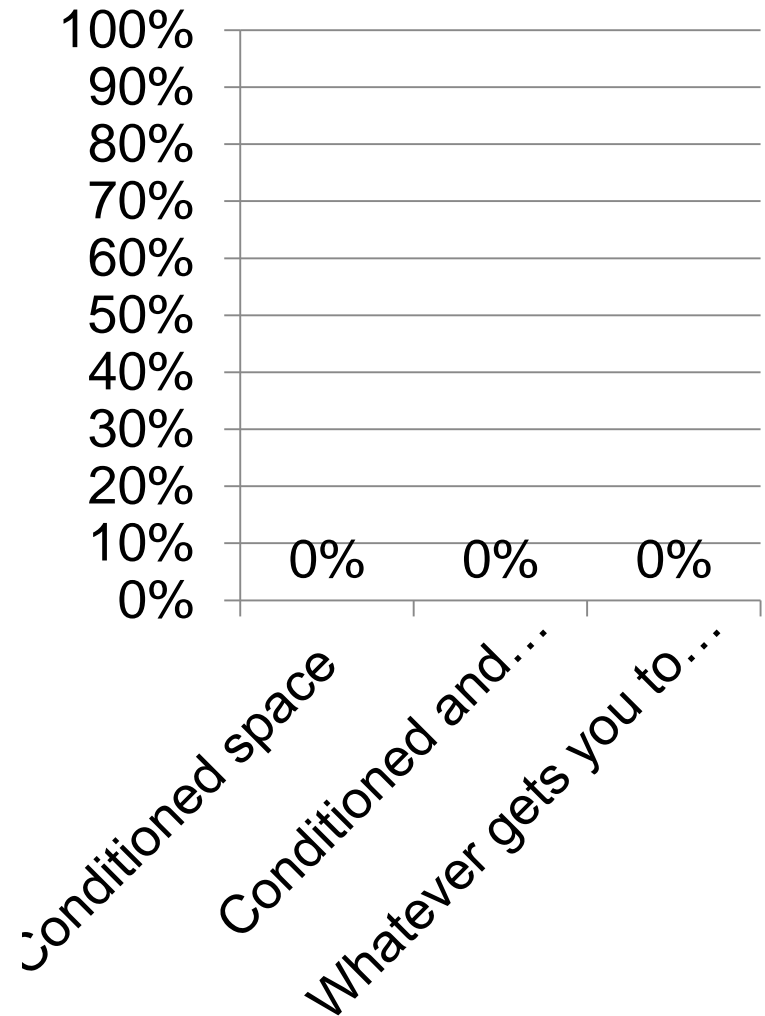
R402.4.1.2	Blower Door Testing
2012 IECC	3 ACH50
Testing	By HERS Rater, HERS rating field inspector, an applicable BPI certified professional, or a BBRS certified 3 <sup>rd</sup> party
Submittal	Written results submitted to code official
Test Conditions	When all penetrations are sealed

# ARS Question

- What defines the volume?

## Conditioned Space:

An area or room within a building being heated or cooled, containing uninsulated ducts, or with a fixed opening directly into an adjacent conditioned space



# R402.4.1.2 Testing (Mandatory)

CFM50

What else  
do we need?



# Blower Door Setup

1. Exterior Windows, doors and fireplaces shall be closed, but not sealed.
2. Dampers shall be closed but not sealed beyond intended infiltration control measures
3. Interior doors shall be open
4. Exterior doors for continuous ventilation or heat recovery systems shall be closed and sealed
5. Heating and cooling systems shall be turned off
6. Supply and return registers shall be fully open

Air Changes/Hour @ 50 Pascal (ACH50)

$$ACH50 = \frac{CFM50 * 60}{Volume}$$



# Information Needed

- CFM50 = 1,500 CFM50

- Volume of the home

$$Volume = 1,500 \text{ ft}^2 * 10 = 15,000 \text{ ft}^3$$

# What is ACH50?

$$ACH50 = \frac{CFM50 * 60}{Volume}$$

$$ACH50 = \frac{7500 CFM * 60}{15000 ft^3} = 30$$

Passes 2009 IECC

**CFM required for 2012 IECC?**

- 2009 IECC – 7 ACH50
- 2012 IECC – 3 ACH50
- ENERGY STAR Homes v3.1
  - Prescriptive - 3 ACH50
- Canadian R-2000 – 1.5 ACH50
- Passive House – 0.6 ACH50

Wherever there are *practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the building official shall have the authority to grant modifications for individual cases*, provided the *building official* shall first find that special individual reason makes the strict letter of this code impractical and the modification is in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code and that *such modification does not lessen health, life and fire safety or structural requirements*. The details of action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the files of the department of building safety.



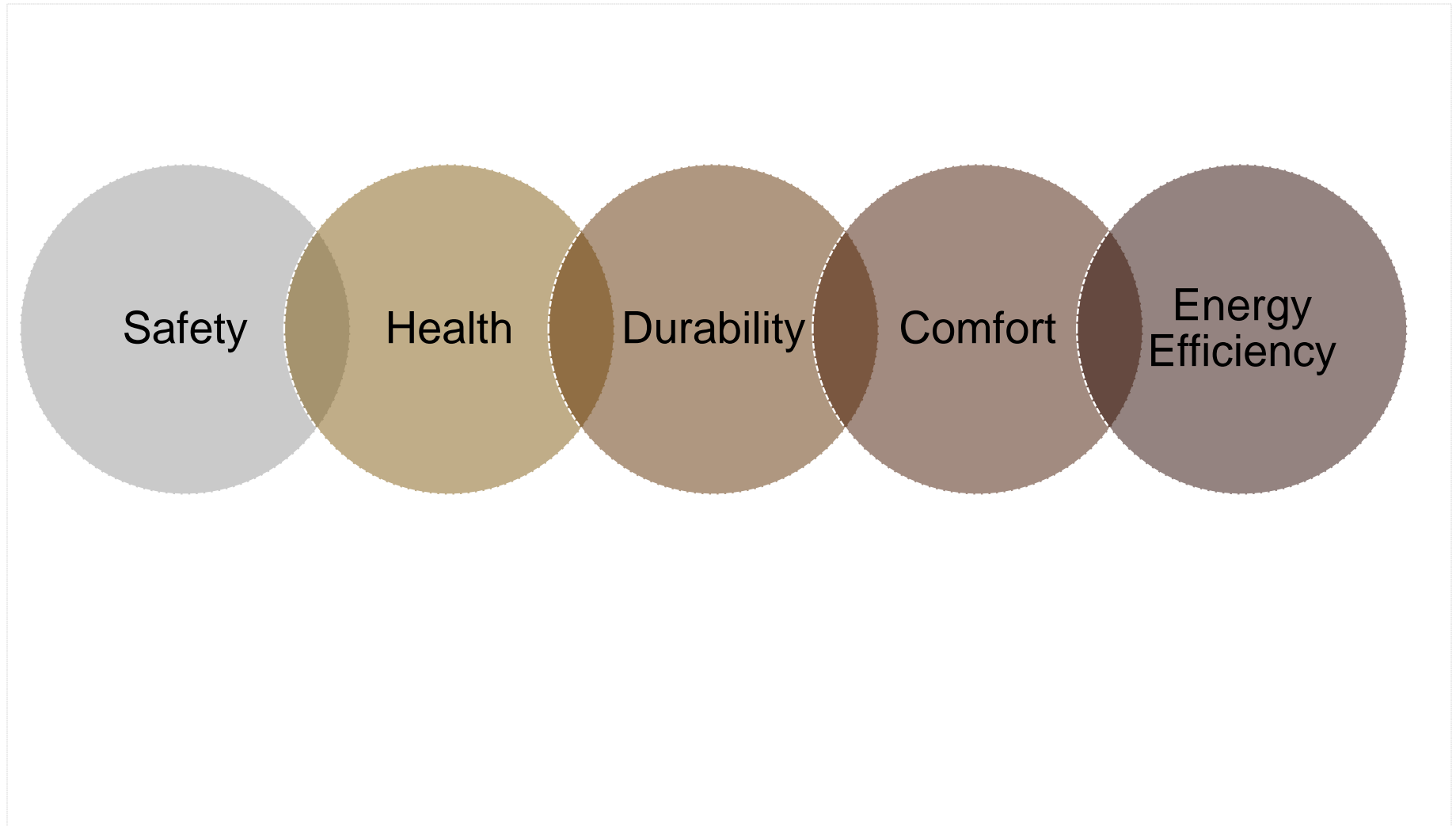
# Controlling the Movement of Water, Air, and Heat



# A Building is a System

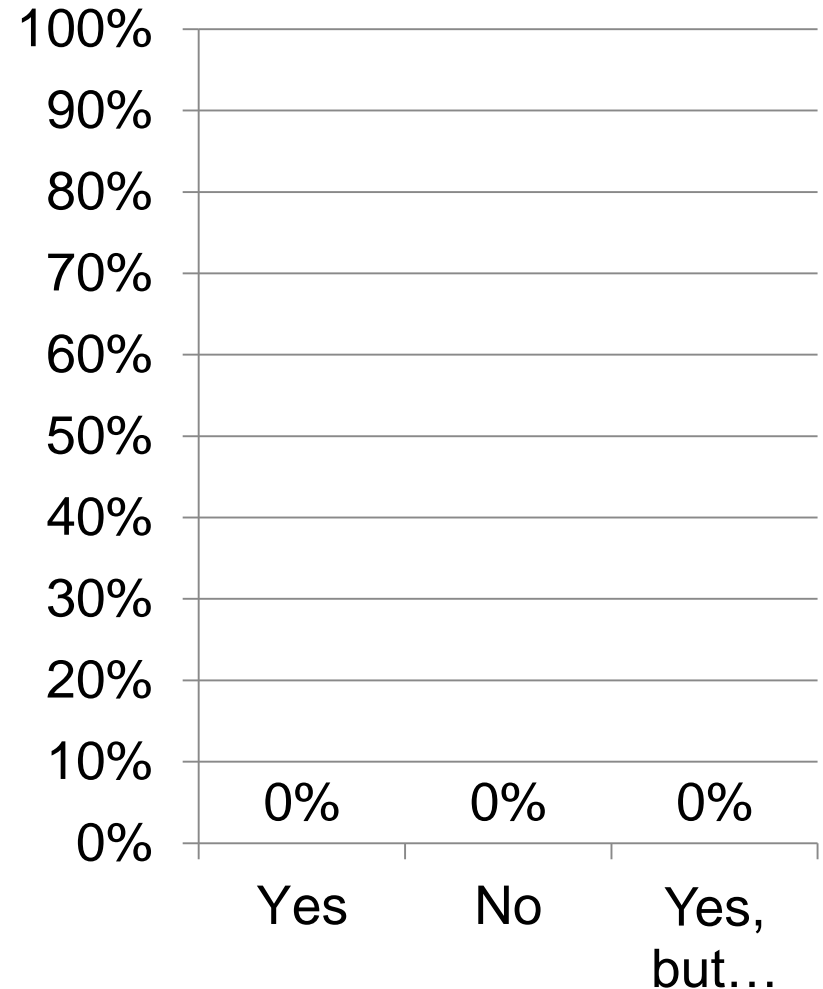
- Enclosure
  - Control
    - Rain water
    - Water vapor
    - Air movement
    - Heat loss
  - Provide views to outside (windows)
  - Aesthetics

# Priorities



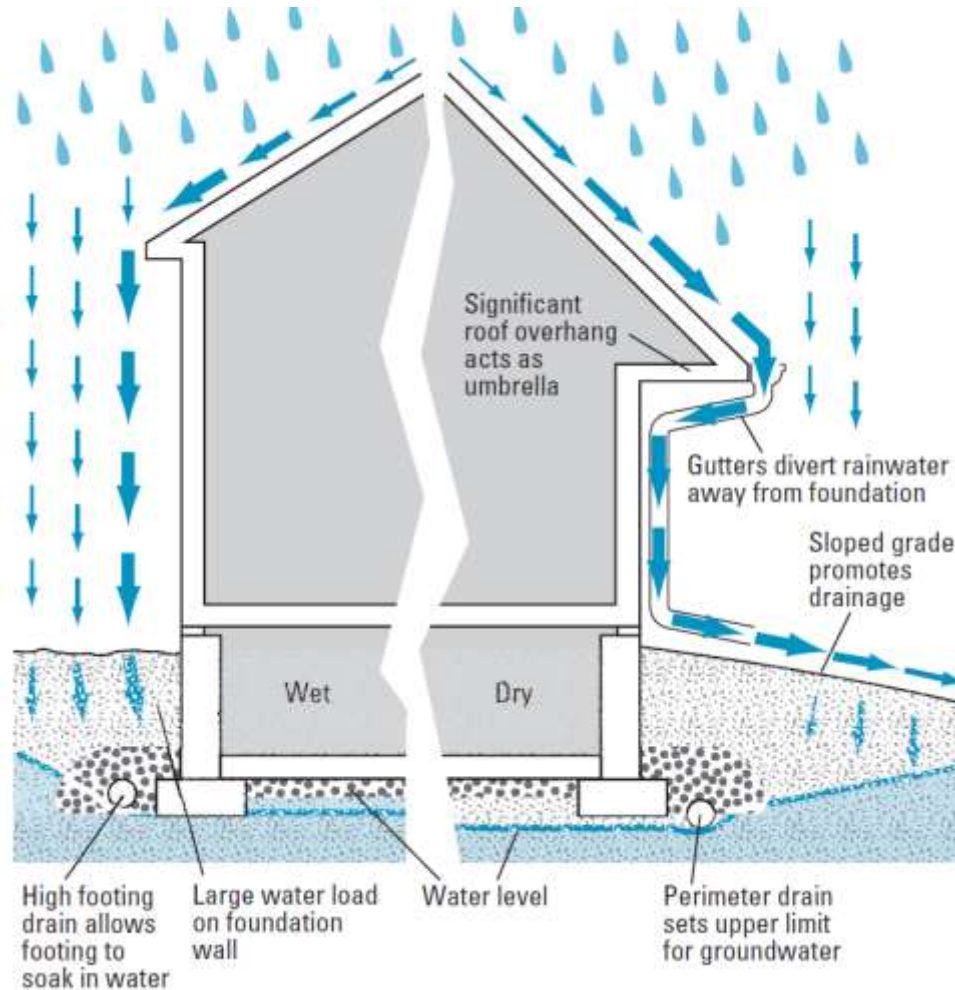
- Is poly an air barrier?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Yes, but...





# Keep Bulk Water Out (Best Practice)



Rain

Plumbing  
leaks

Ground  
water

# Durability (Best Practice)



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# Durability (Best Practice)



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## Source is indoors

- Wet goes to dry
- Wet goes to cold
- **Moisture moves on air**



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# Controlling Vapor



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Moisture + Food + Acceptable Temp =



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Moisture  
Moves on Air





# Why the Stripes?



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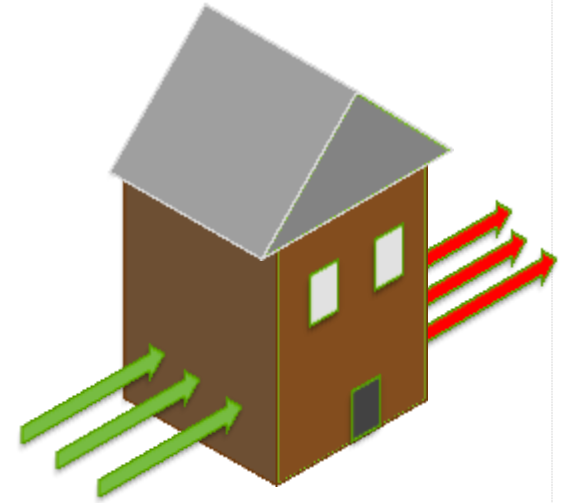
# 3 Modes of Air Transfer



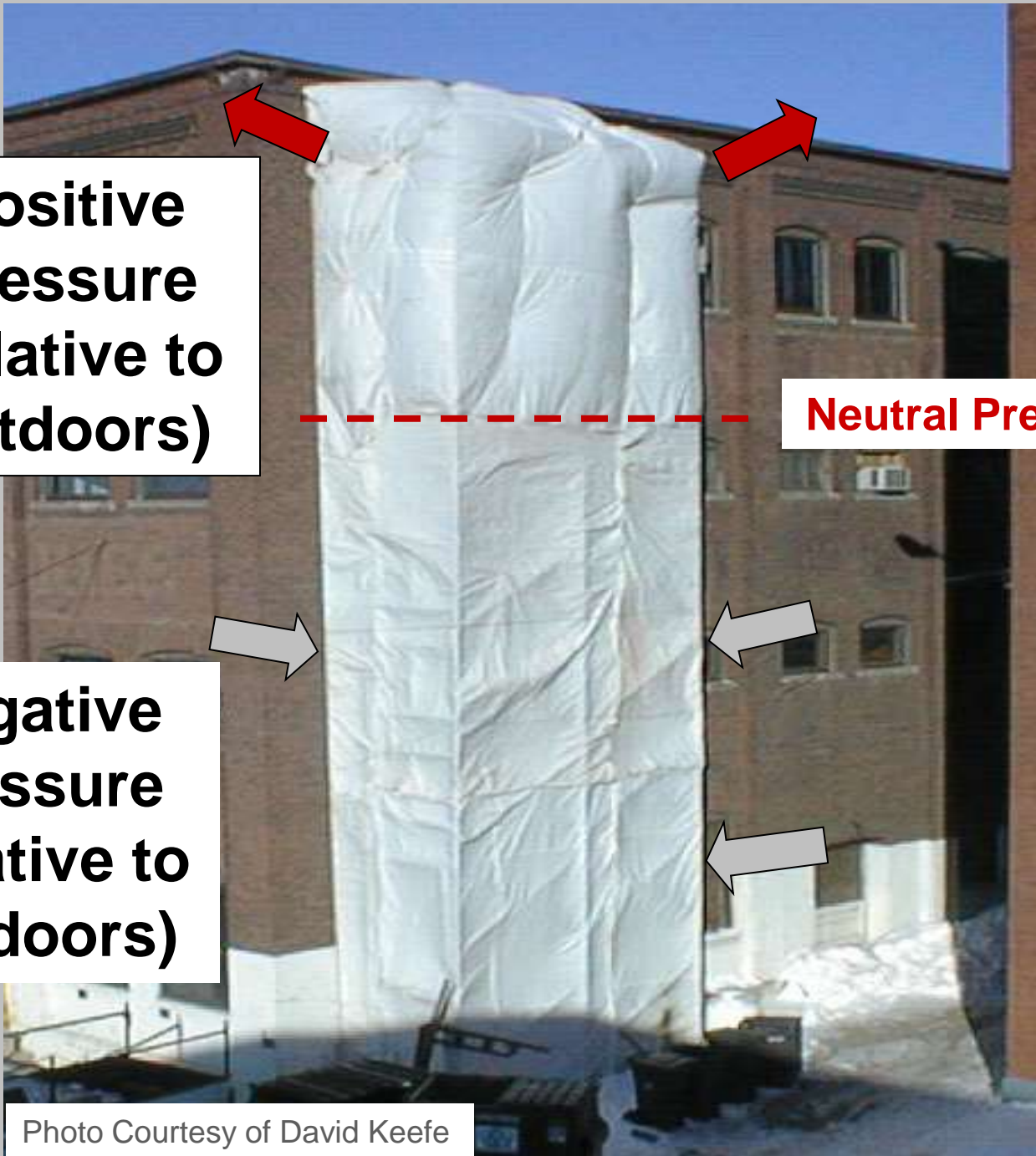
**stack  
effect**



**mechanical  
effect**



**wind  
effect**



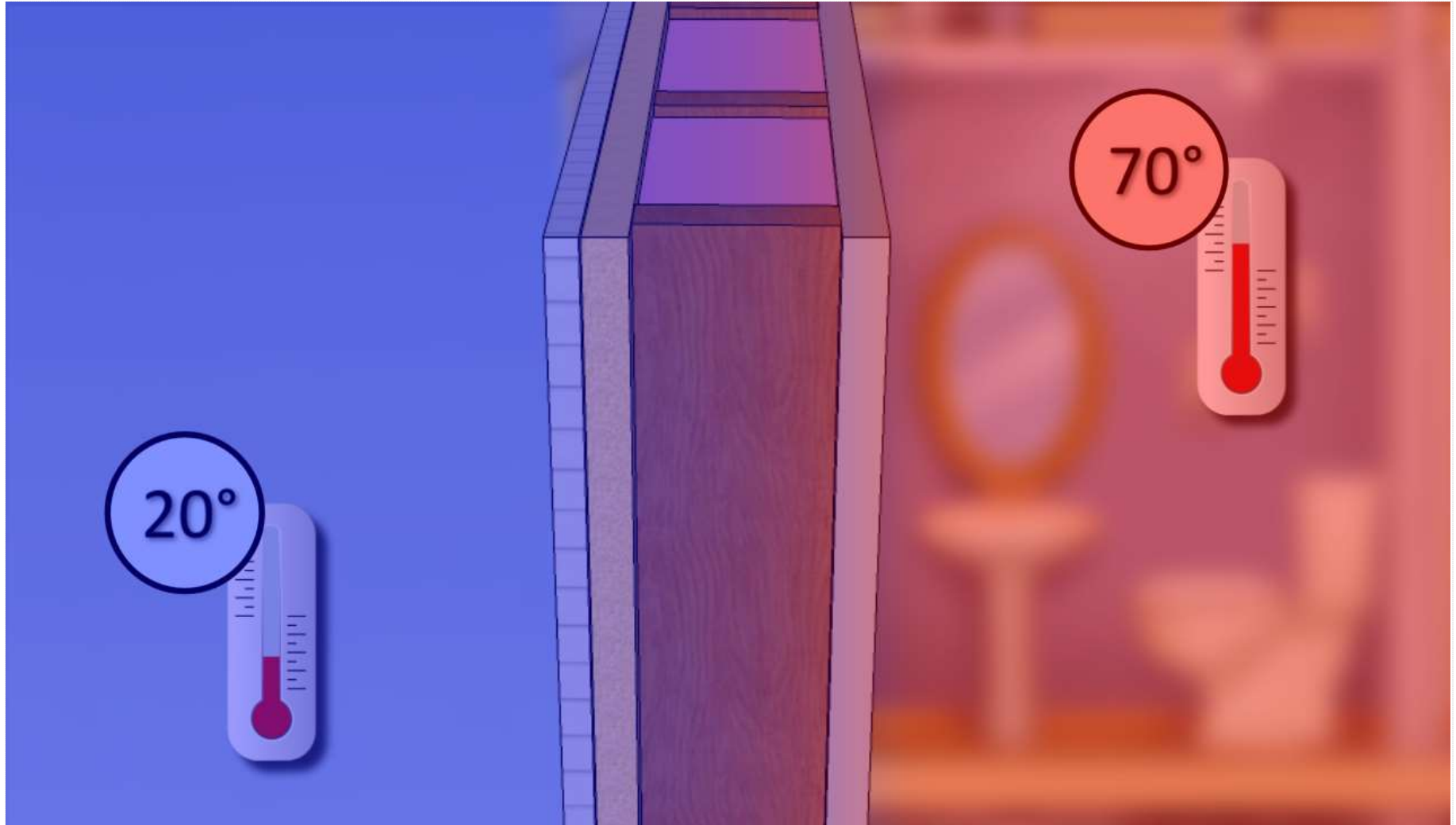
**Positive  
pressure  
(relative to  
outdoors)**

**Neutral Pressure Plane**

**Negative  
pressure  
(relative to  
outdoors)**

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# Heat Transfer – Warm to Cold



# Nice Finish, but What About the Heat Loss?



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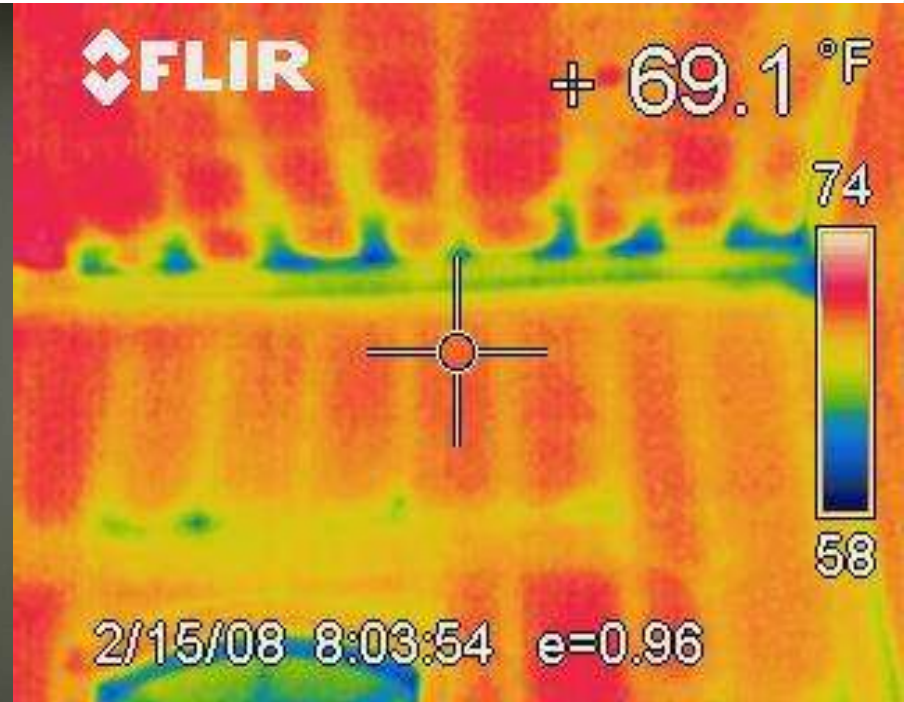


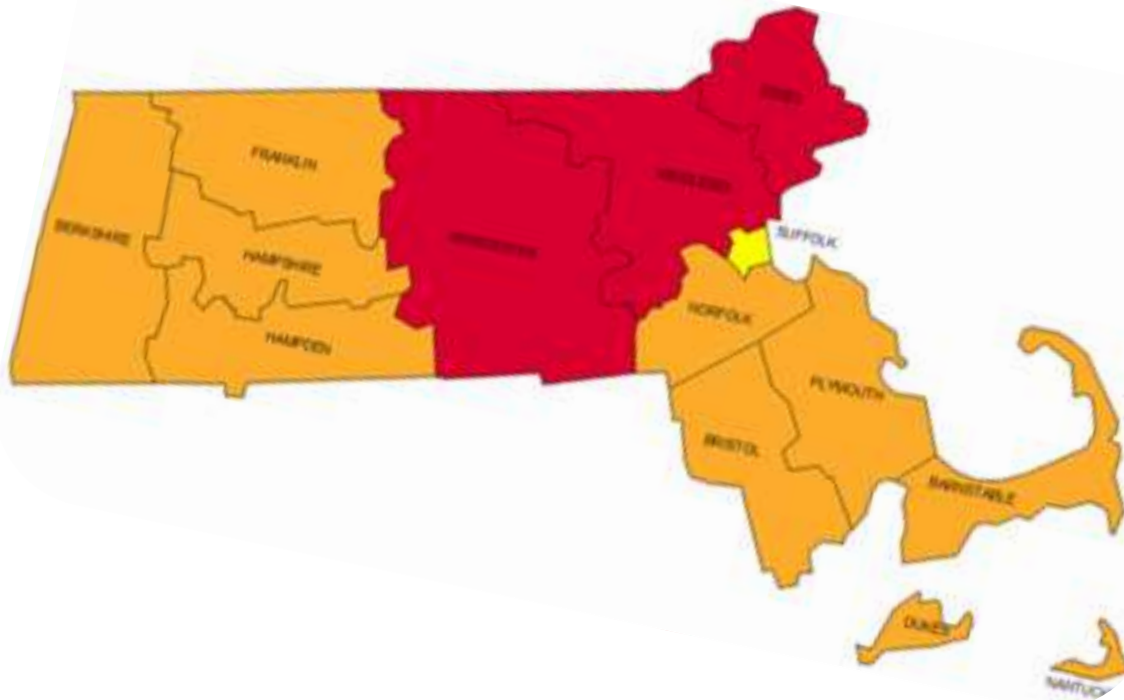
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# Basement and Slabs



# EPA MAP of Radon Zones

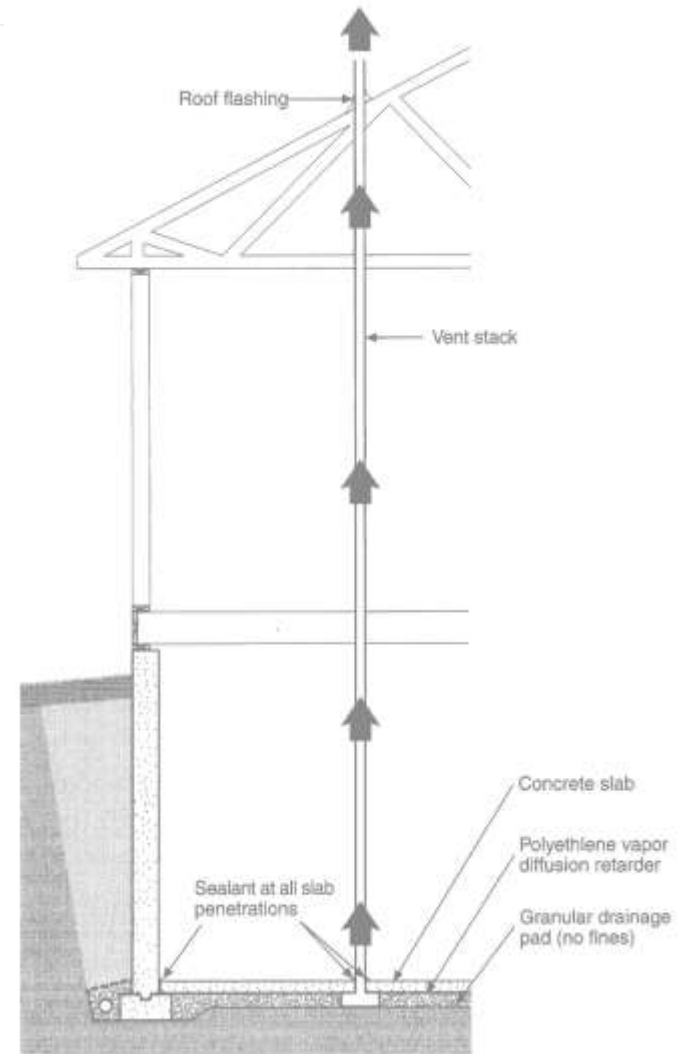


-  Zone 1
-  Zone 2
-  Zone 3

**1/1/2015 - Passive Radon System required  
in Zone 1**

# Upcoming Code Changes – EPA Zone 1

- Amendment to 780 CMR
- New one- and two- family dwellings and townhouses of three stories or less
- No radon testing is required



# Radon Control (MA Amendment)

This pipe  
should be  
marked  
“Radon”



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# What Can Defy Gravity?





# Exterior Water Control

Backfill capped with less-permeable soil, sloped away from foundation

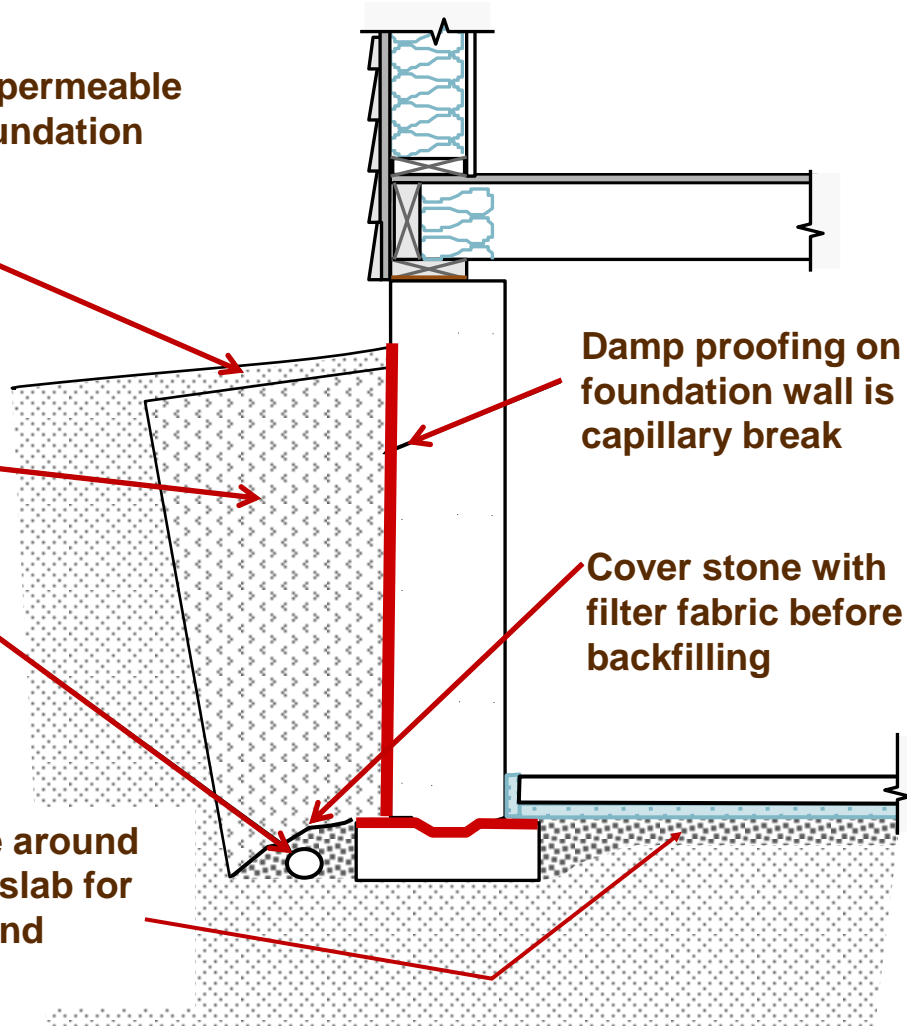
Backfill with free-draining material; or use a drainage mat

Perforated pipe at footing level, drains to daylight or sump

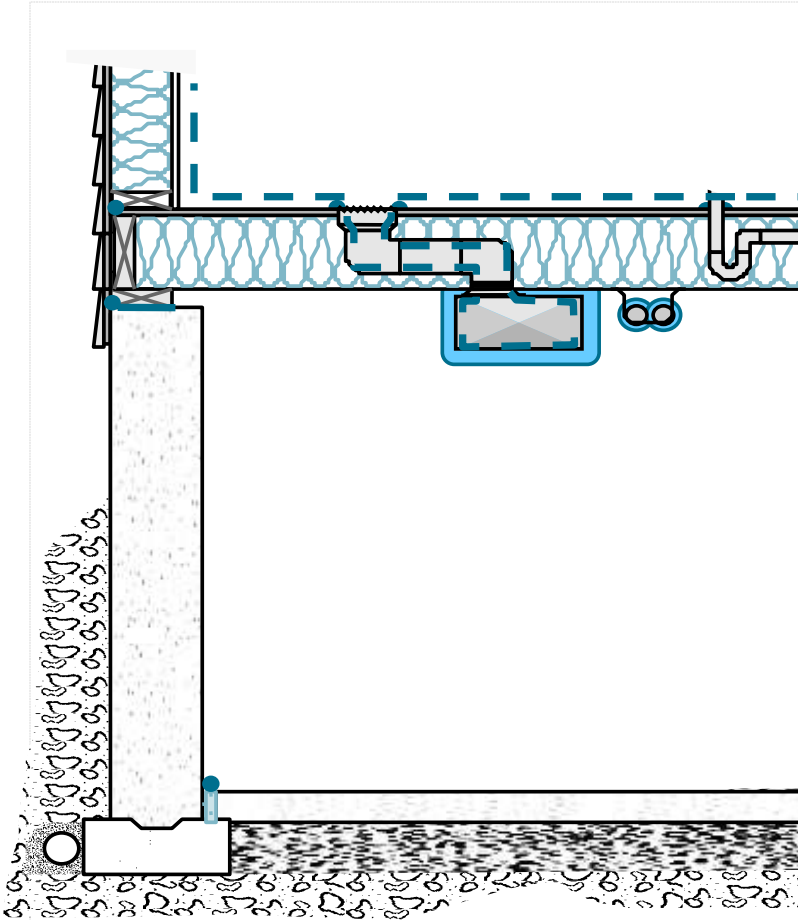
4" washed stone around drain and under slab for capillary break and drainage

Damp proofing on foundation wall is capillary break

Cover stone with filter fabric before backfilling



# Unconditioned Basement (Prescriptive)



R402.1.1 (Table)

Floor: R-30 min

*OR* fill cavity (R-19 min.)

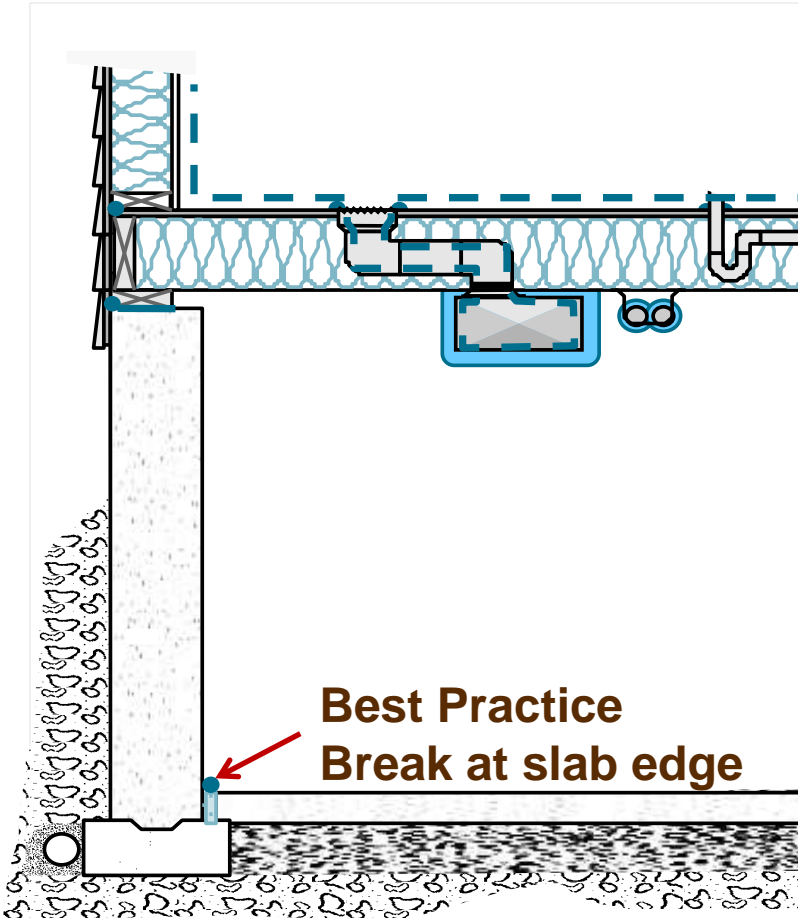
R403.2.1

Ducts: Insulate R-6

R403.4

DHW pipes: Insulate R-3

# Unconditioned Basement (Mandatory)



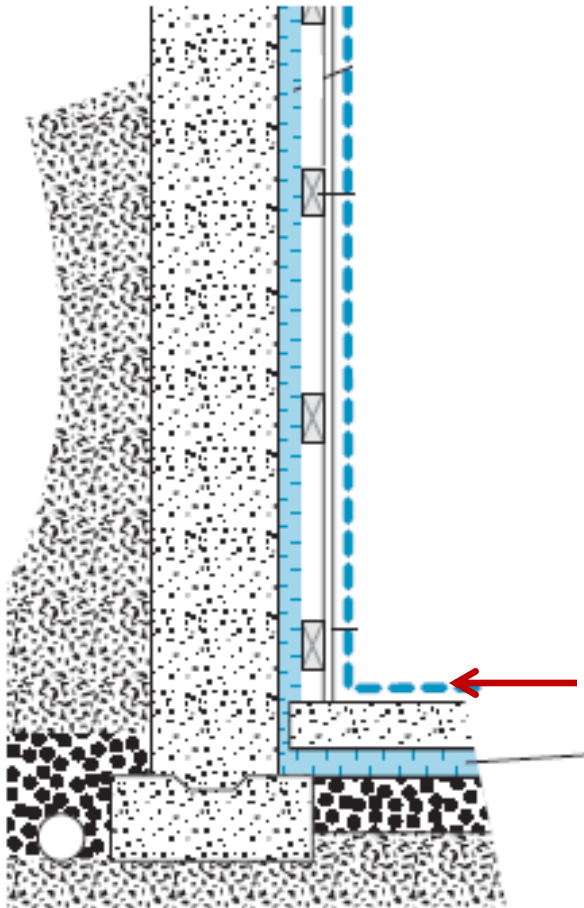
R403.2.2

Ducts: Sealed

R403.3

Mech. pipes: Insulate R-3

# R402.1.1 (Table) Conditioned Basement (Prescriptive)



R-15 continuous OR  
R-19 in the cavity

Extruded polystyrene insulation under slab  
and at slab edge to control condensation



# What's Happening?

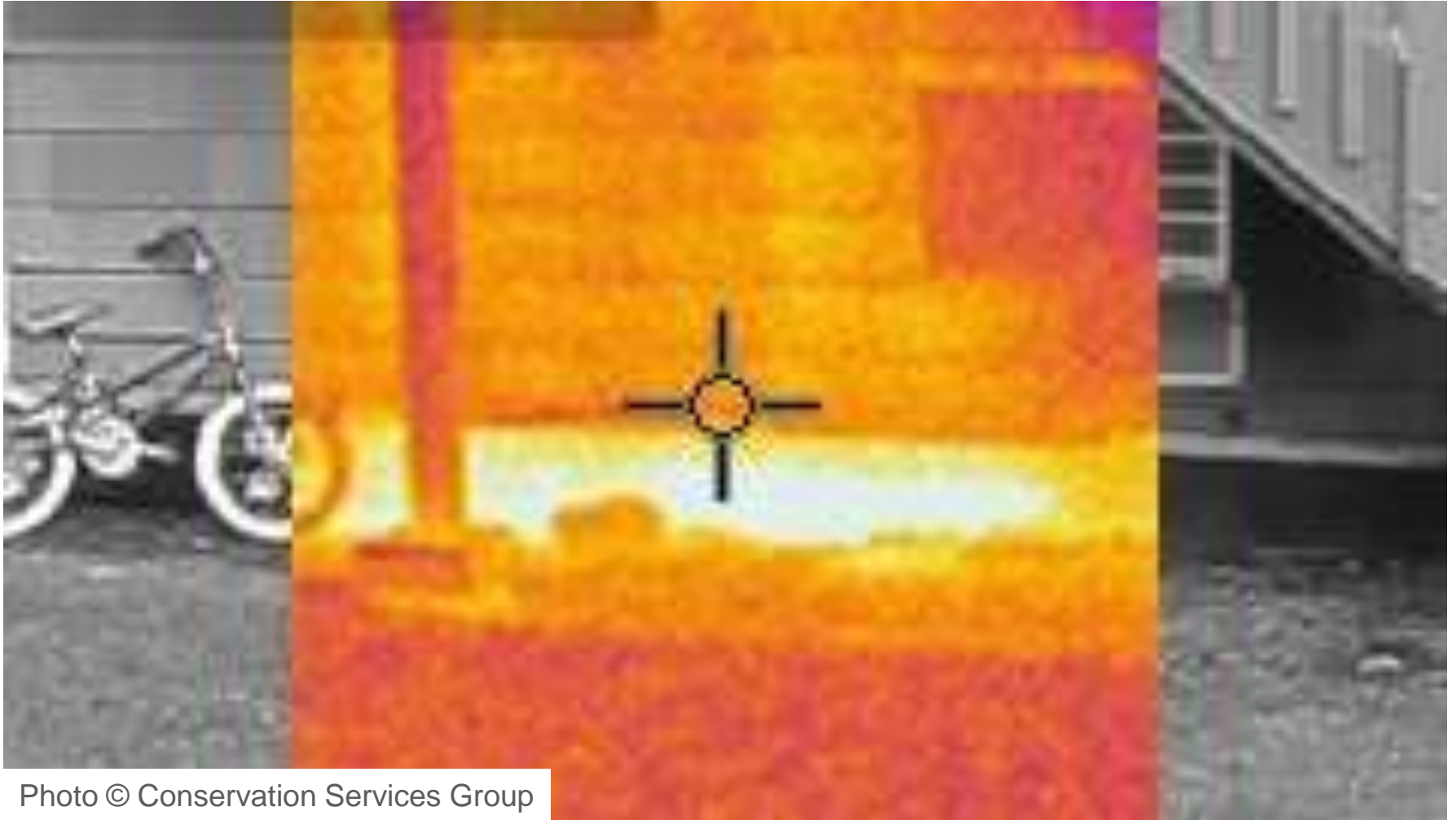
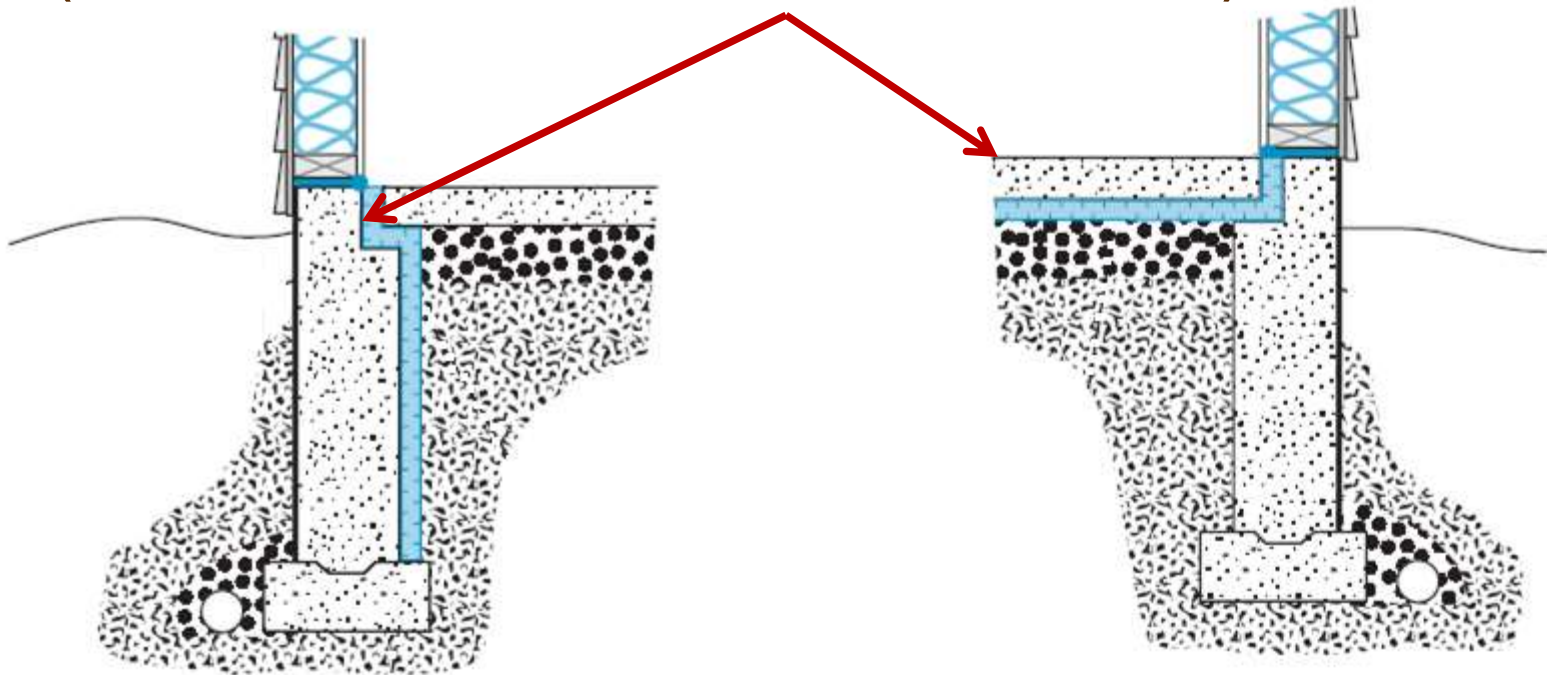


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# R402.2.9 Slab-on-Grade Floors (Prescriptive)

2' of R-10 either in any direction  
(horizontal/vertical/combination)



R-15 for heated slabs

# R402.2.9 Slab-on-Grade Floors (Prescriptive)

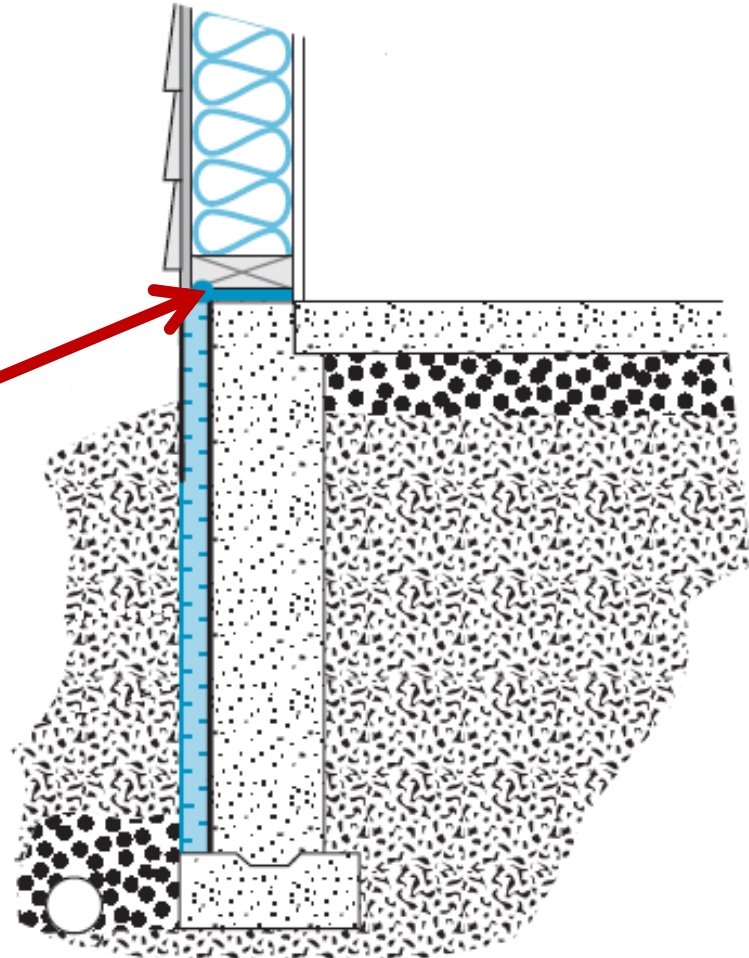


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# R402.2.9 Slab-on-Grade Floors (Prescriptive)

2' of R-10

Protect insulation,  
Install termite shield





# R402.4.1.1 (Table) Crawl Space Walls (Prescriptive)



Insulation permanently fastened

Floor to grade + 2' vertically or horizontally

**R15/19**



# Unconditioned Garage Converted to Family Room. What's required?



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# Walls and Windows



# Bulk Water Protection





# Proper Installation is Important



# Roofs Concentrate Water



# Gutters Control Water







# 2009 IRC R905.2.8.3 Sidewall Flashing



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# Water Gets Behind the Siding



# Best Practice - Vented Cladding



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# R402.4.3

## Fenestration Air Leakage (Mandatory)

### Air Leakage

- >0.3 CFM/sq ft windows, skylights & sliders
- >0.5 CFM/sq ft doors

		<b>World's Best Window Co.</b> Millennium 2000+ Vinyl-Clad Wood Frame Double Glazing • Argon Fill • Low E Product Type: <b>Vertical Slider</b>	
<b>ENERGY PERFORMANCE RATINGS</b>			
U-Factor (U.S./I-P) <b>0.30</b>		Solar Heat Gain Coefficient <b>0.30</b>	
<b>ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS</b>			
Visible Transmittance <b>0.51</b>		Air Leakage (U.S./I-P) <b>0.2</b>	
Condensation Resistance <b>51</b>		—	
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## R402.3.3 Fenestration Exemption (Prescriptive)

- R-Value Table Exemptions\*:
  - Up to 15 SF glazing
  - Up to 24 SF opaque door assembly
  - Glass only replacement (R101.4.3)
- New window / replacement window  $U \leq 0.32$   
(R402.1.1 – Table)

\*Does not apply to Total UA alternative (RESCheck)



# R402.5 Maximum Fenestration (**Mandatory**)

- Area-weighted average maximum U-factor allowed with tradeoffs: U-0.48
- UA Alternative  
RESCheck
- Performance  
HERS

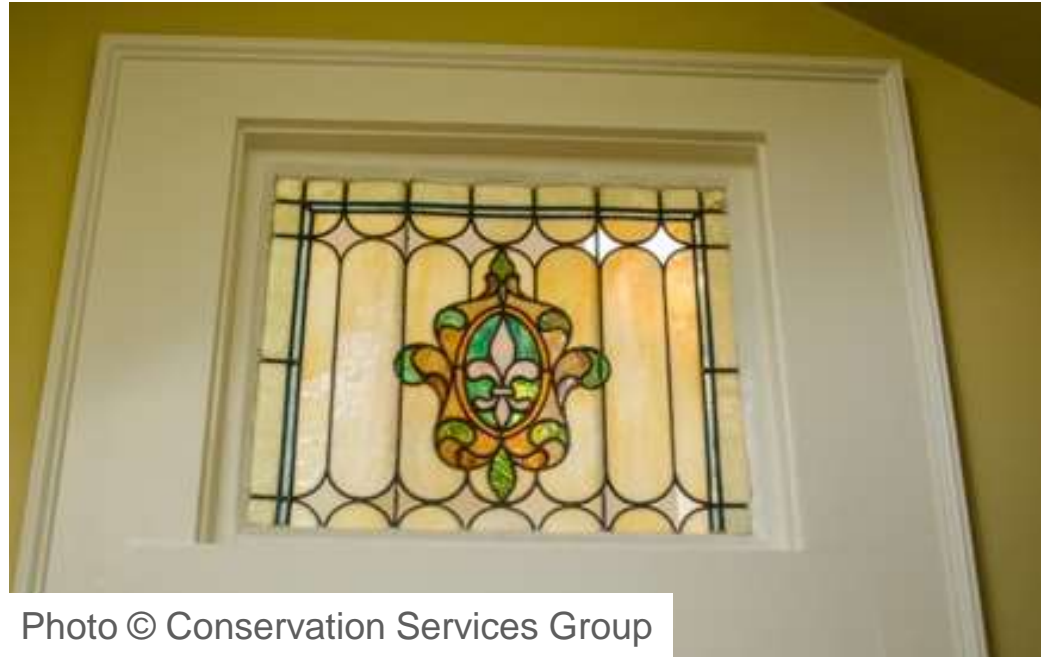


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# Ceilings



# What is Missing?





100%  
100%  
100%

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# R402.2.3 Eave Baffles (Prescriptive)



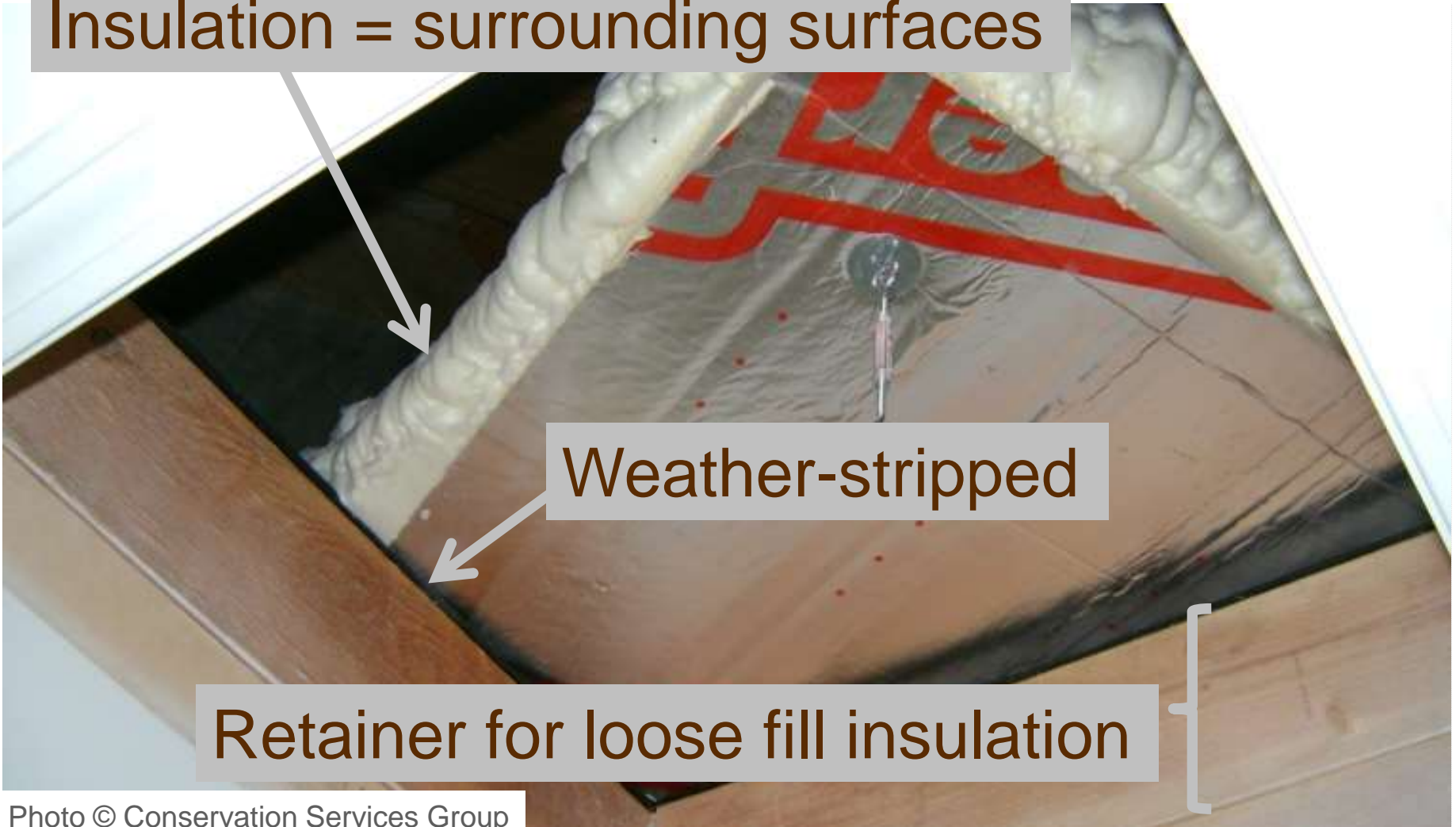
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# R402.2.4 Access Hatches and Doors (Prescriptive)

Insulation = surrounding surfaces

Weather-stripped

Retainer for loose fill insulation



# R402.2.4 Access Hatches and Doors (Prescriptive)

Access shall be provided to all equipment that prevents damaging or compressing the insulation.





# R402.2.4 Access Hatches and Doors (Prescriptive)

R-49

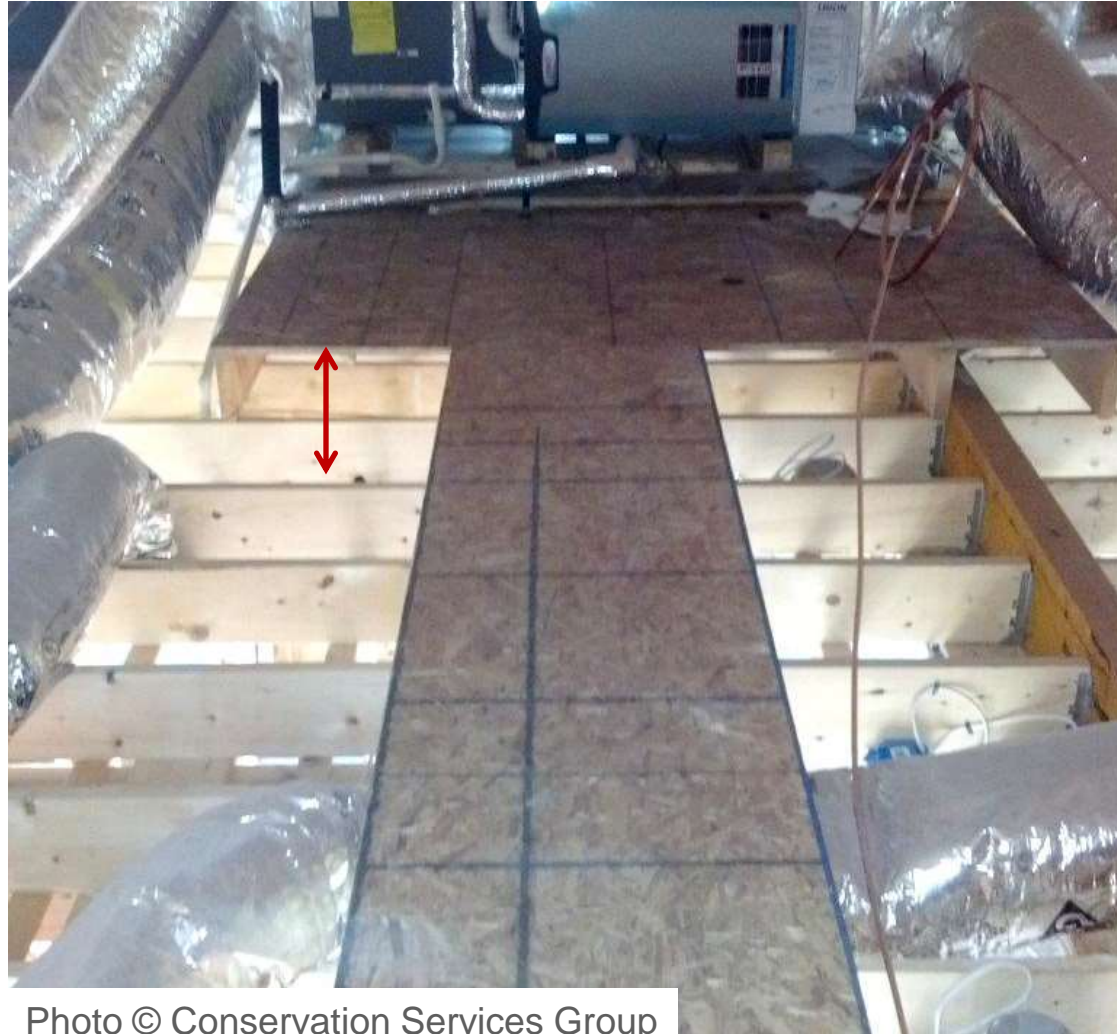


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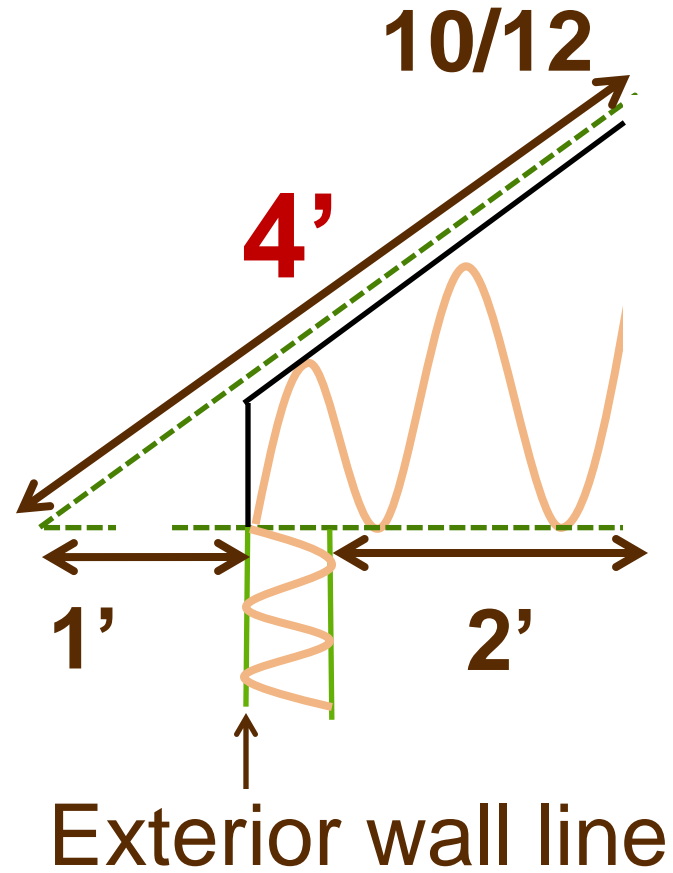


# Ice Dams



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# 2009 IRC R905.4.3.1 Ice Protection



# Table R402.4.1.1 Air Barrier (**Mandatory**)

- Strapped Ceilings?  
Blown is Best...



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Air Barrier (**Mandatory**)

- If You Must Strap, You Could...





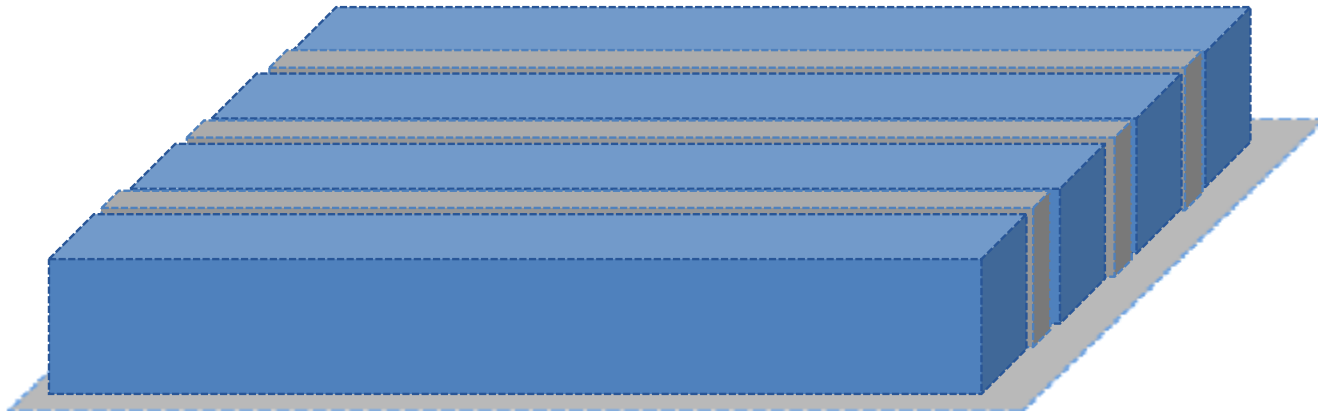
# Table R402.4.1.1 Air Barrier (**Mandatory**)



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# Ceiling Assembly R-value

- R-49 attic insulation with 10" ceiling joists
- *10% framing factor*
- *Joists R-9.5*



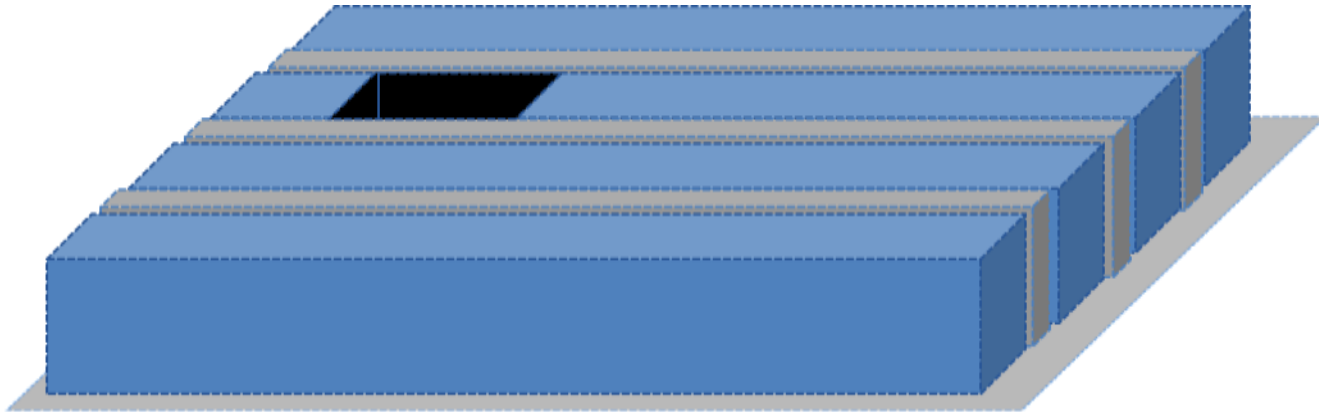
**Assembly R-value = 35**



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# Ceiling Assembly R-value

- Add an uninsulated attic hatch (R-1)
- *10 square feet*



**Overall R-value = 26**



- 500 SQUARE FOOT EXCEMPTION



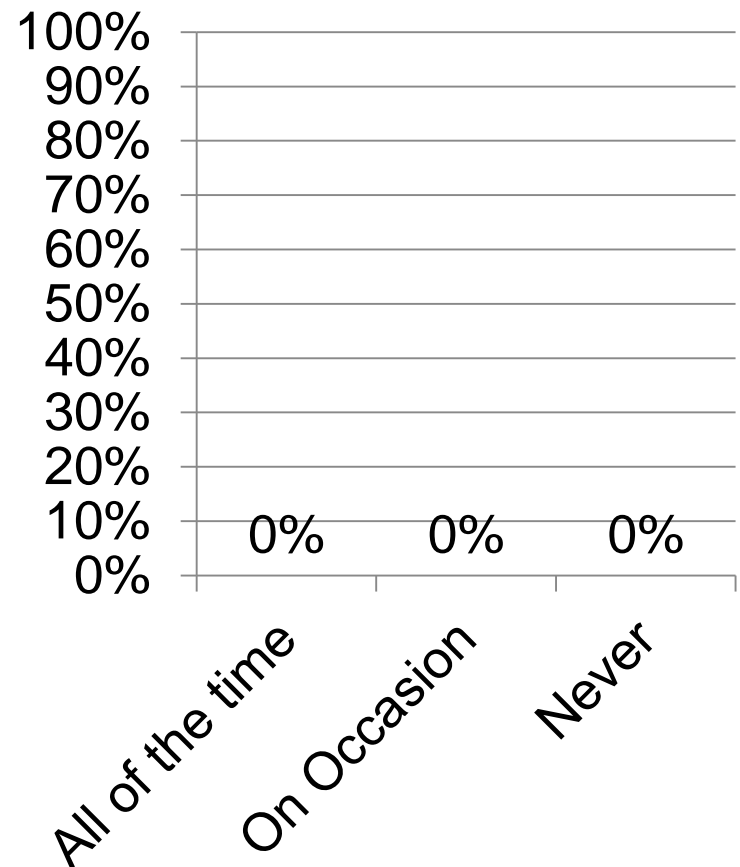
# REScheck Prescriptive Path Compliance

- Insulation and window trade-off calculations
- UA: U-factor times assembly area
- Building thermal envelope
- Include the thermal bridging effects of framing materials



- How often do you use/require REScheck for compliance?

1. All of the time
2. On Occasion
3. Never







# Defining UA

- $U\text{-factor} \times \text{Area} = UA$
- Find UA of individual components of building envelope:
  - Windows
  - Doors
  - Wall
  - Floor
  - Ceiling
- $U\text{-factor} = 1/R\text{-value}$



# REScheck Inputs

	Component	Assembly	Gross Area		Cavity Insulation R-Value	Continuous Insulation R-Value	U-Factor	UA
	Building							
1	Cond>unc bsmnt	All-Wood Joist/Truss:Ove...	2486	Ft2	30.0	0.0	0.033	82
2	Cond>amb	Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	2155	Ft2	13.0	7.5	0.049	86
3	Window 1	Vinyl Frame:Double Pane ...	350	Ft2			0.35	122
4	Door 1	Solid	38	Ft2			0.3	11
5	Door 2	Solid	17	Ft2			0.3	5
6	Cond>garage	Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	281	Ft2	13.0	7.5	0.049	14
7	Cond>unc bsmnt	Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	116	Ft2	13.0	0.0	0.082	10
8	Cond>attic	Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	292	Ft2	20.0	0.0	0.059	17
9	Unc bsmnt>amb	Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	223	Ft2	20.0	0.0	0.059	11
10	Window 2	Vinyl Frame:Double Pane ...	23	Ft2			0.35	8
11	Door 3	Solid	14	Ft2			0.3	4
12	Flat	Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss	716	Ft2	38.0	0.0	0.03	21
13	Sloped	Cathedral Ceiling	722	Ft2	38.0	0.0	0.027	19



# Sample REScheck Output

## Compliance: Passes using UA trade-off

Compliance: **0.2% Better Than Code**      Maximum UA: **411**      Your UA: **410**

The % Better or Worse Than Code Index reflects how close to compliance the house is based on code trade-off rules. It DOES NOT provide an estimate of energy use or cost relative to a minimum-code home.

## Envelope Assemblies

Assembly	Gross Area or Perimeter	Cavity R-Value	Cont. R-Value	Glazing or Door U-Factor	UA
Cond> unc bsmnt: All-Wood Joist/Truss:Over Unconditioned Space	2,486	30.0	0.0	0.033	82
Cond>amb: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	2,155	13.0	7.5	0.049	86
Window 1: Vinyl Frame:Double Pane with Low-E	350			0.350	122
Door 1: Solid	38			0.300	11
Door 2: Solid	17			0.300	5
Cond>garage: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	281	13.0	7.5	0.049	14
Cond> unc bsmnt: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	116	13.0	0.0	0.082	10
Cond>attic: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	292	20.0	0.0	0.059	17
Unc bsmnt>amb: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	223	20.0	0.0	0.059	11
Window 2: Vinyl Frame:Double Pane with Low-E	23			0.350	8
Door 3: Solid	14			0.300	4
Flat: Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss	716	38.0	0.0	0.030	21
Sloped: Cathedral Ceiling	722	38.0	0.0	0.027	19

# REScheck Requirements

## ⌵ Air Leakage:

- 1  [402.4.1.1] Air barrier and thermal barrier installed per manufacturer's instructions.
- 2  [402.4.3] Fenestration that is not site built is listed and labeled as meeting AAMA /WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440 or has infiltration rates per NFRC 400 that do not exceed code limits.
- 3  [402.4.4] IC-rated recessed lighting fixtures sealed at housing/interior finish and labeled to indicate  $\leq 2.0$  cfm leakage at 75 Pa.
- 4  [403.5] Automatic or gravity dampers are installed on all outdoor air intakes and exhausts.
- 5  [402.4.1.2] Blower door test @ 50 Pa.  $\leq 5$  ach in Climate Zones 1-2, and  $\leq 3$  ach in Climate Zones 3-8.

## ⌵ Fenestration:

- 1  [303.1.3] U-factors of fenestration products are determined in accordance with the NFRC test procedure or taken from the default table.

## ⌵ Insulation:

- 1  [303.2.1] A protective covering is installed to protect exposed exterior insulation and extends a minimum of 6 in. below grade.
- 2  [303.1] All installed insulation is labeled or the installed R-values provided.
- 3  [303.2, 402.2.7] Floor insulation installed per manufacturer's instructions, and in substantial contact with the underside of the subfloor.
- 4  [303.2] Wall insulation is installed per manufacturer's instructions.
- 5  [303.1.1.1, 303.2] Ceiling insulation installed per manufacturer's instructions. Blown insulation marked every 300 ft<sup>2</sup>.
- 6  [402.2.3] Vented attics with air permeable insulation include baffle adjacent to soffit and eave vents that extends over insulation.
- 7  [402.2.4] Attic access hatch and door insulation  $\geq$ R-value of the adjacent assembly.

## ⌵ Plan Review:

- 1  [103.1, 103.2] Construction drawings and documentation demonstrate energy code compliance for the building envelope.

## ⌵ Post Construction:

- 1  [401.3] Compliance certificate posted.

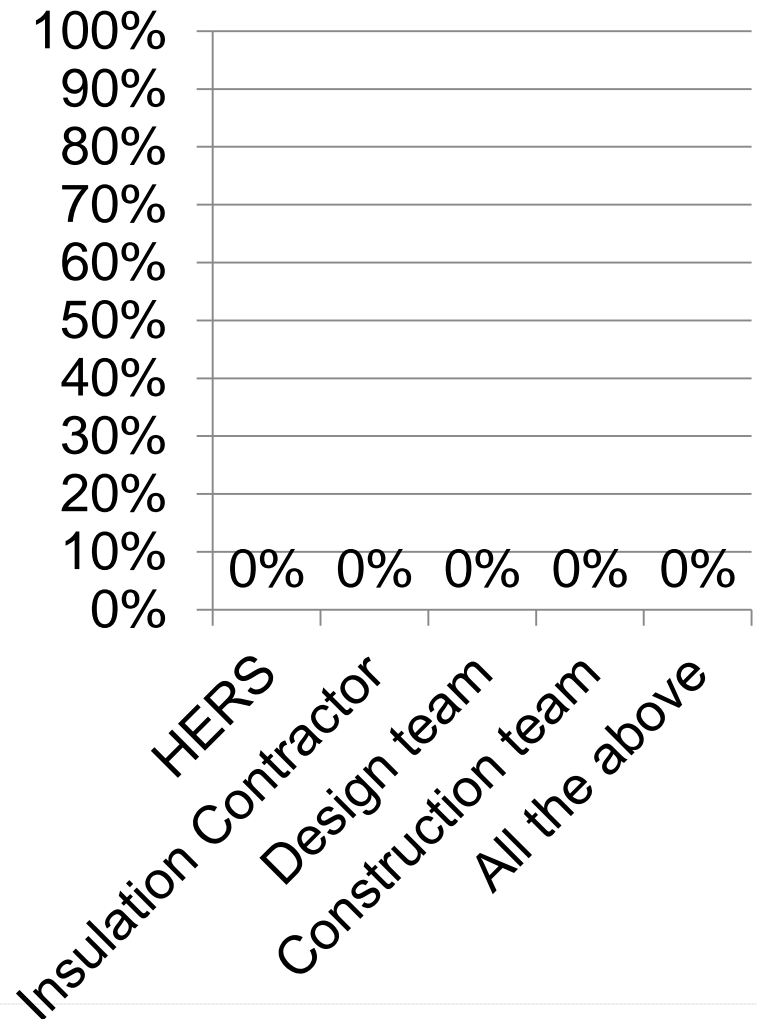


# Inputs Review

- Calculate R-value using listed U-values
- Window area 10-22% of the wall area
- Ceiling area cover the floor area
- Wall area and floor area typically within 25% of each other

## Who can submit a REScheck?

1. HERS
2. Insulation Contractor
3. Design team
4. Construction team
5. All the above



# Air Barrier and Insulation Installation Review

2012 IECC Table R402.4.1.1



# So Where are the Leaks?



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# R402.4 Air Leakage (**Mandatory**)

## 2009 IECC

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Insulation  
Installation  
Table**

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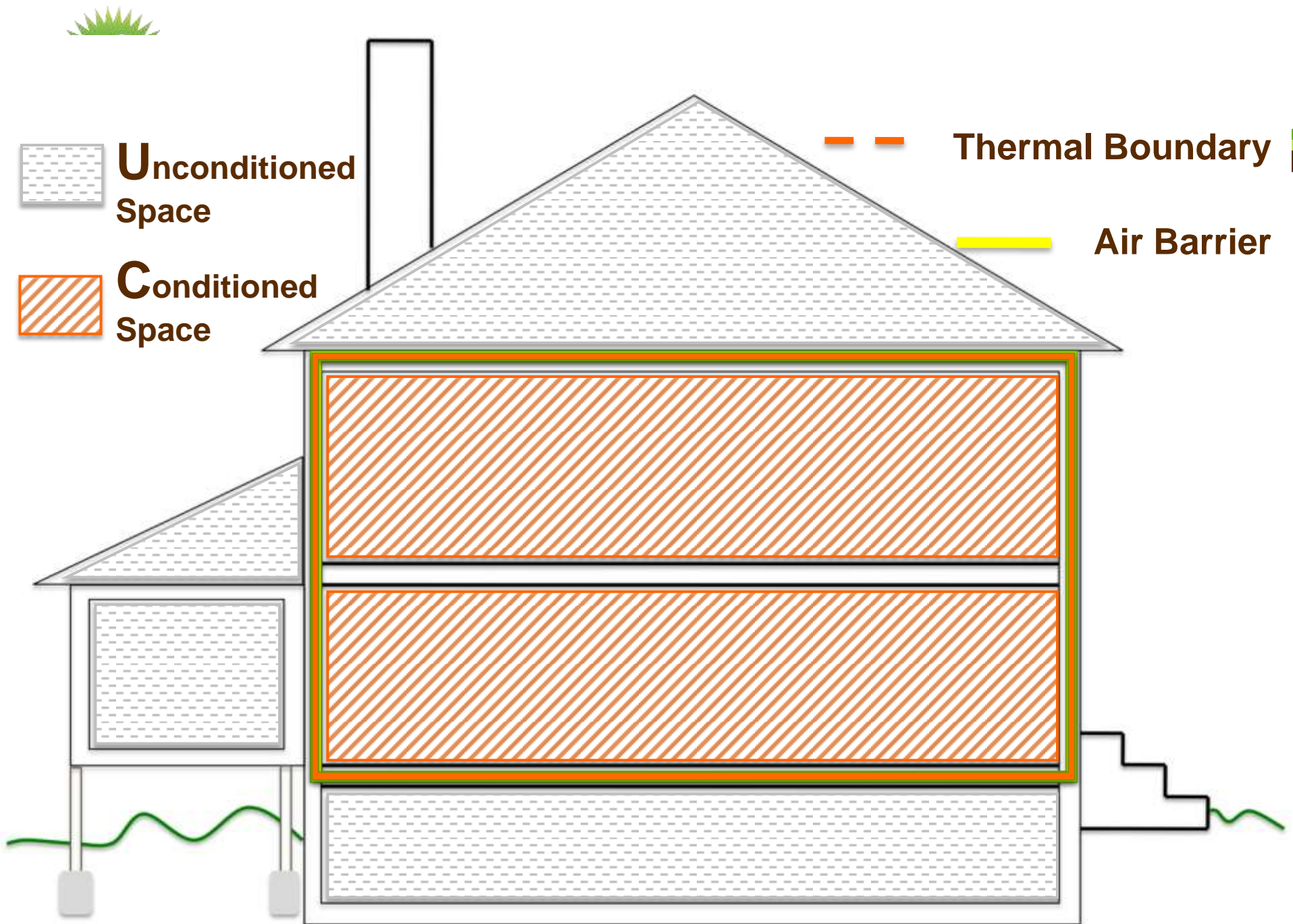
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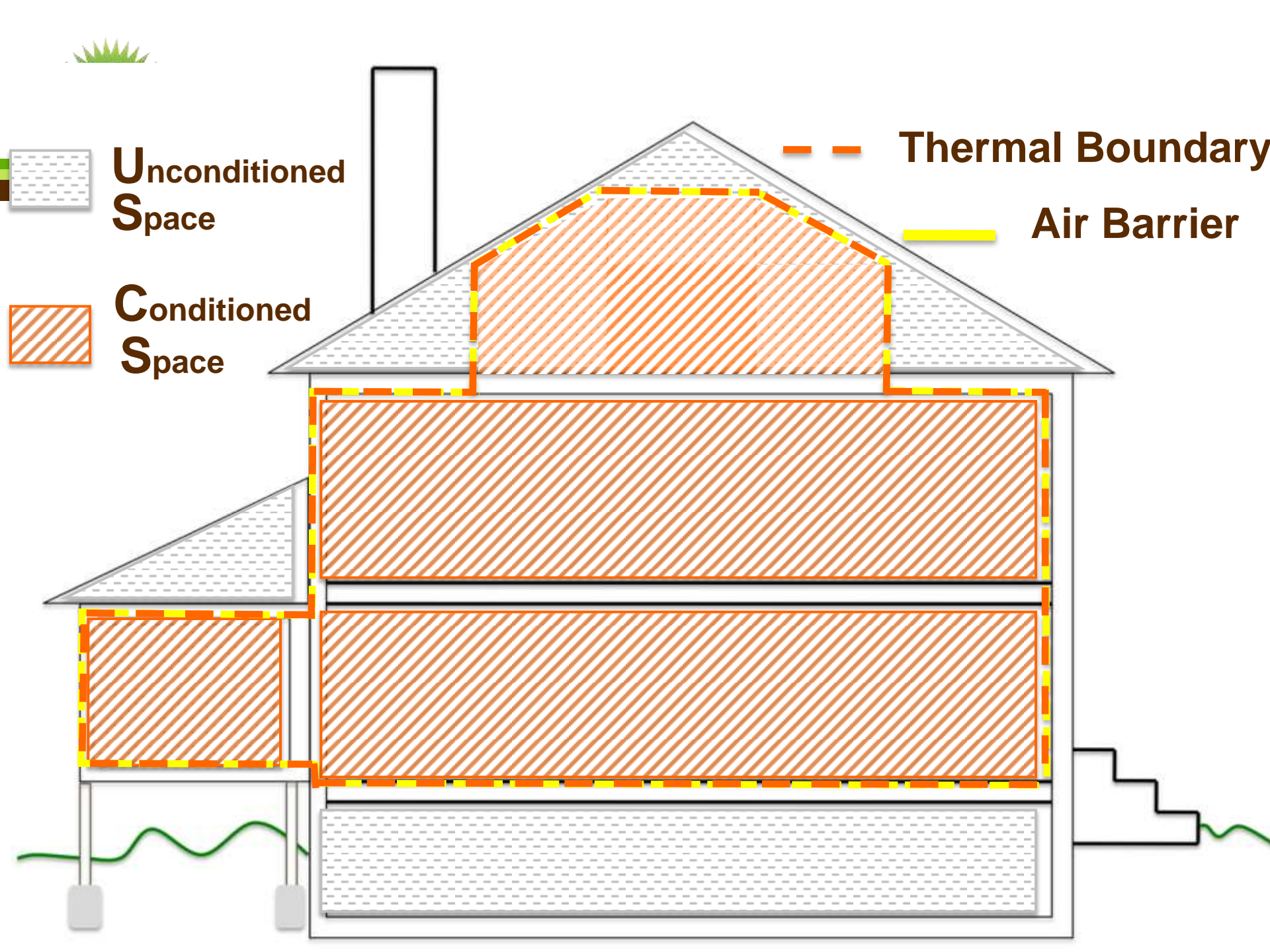
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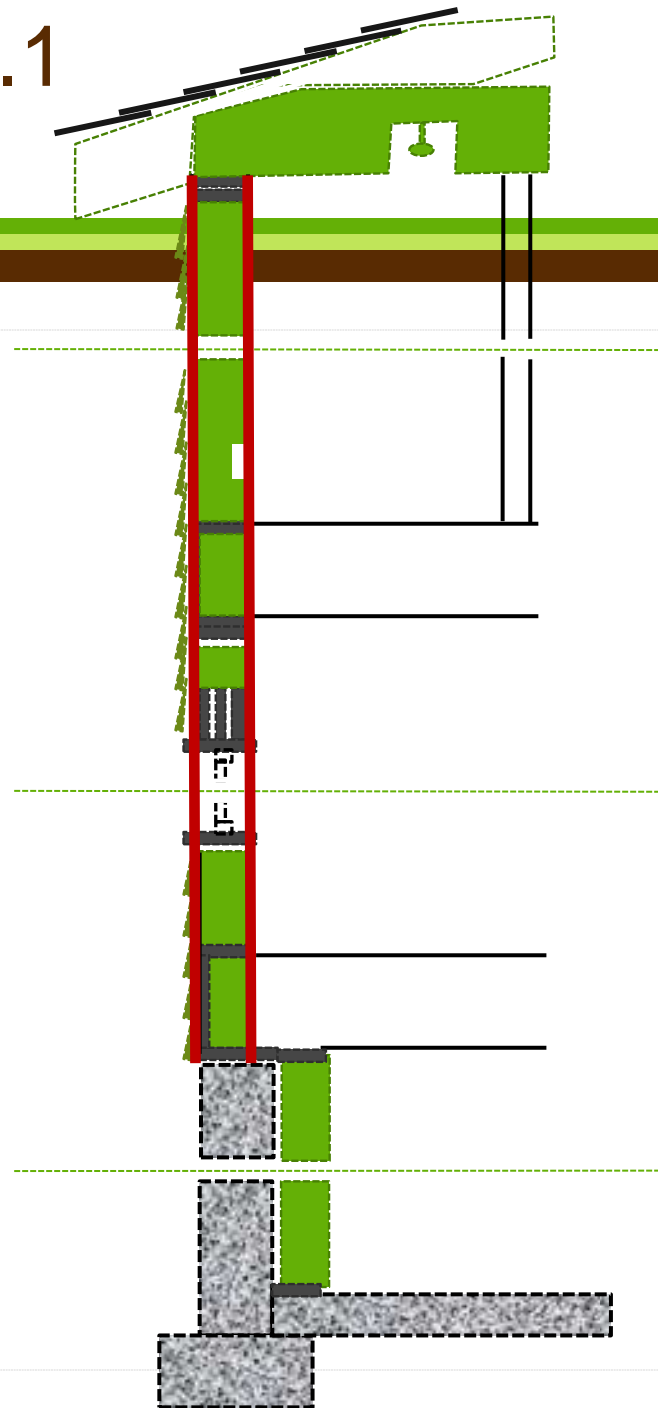
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# Table R402.4.1.1 Air Barrier

- Define  
Exterior or Interior  
Air Barrier





# Table R402.4.1.1 Air & Thermal Barrier (Mandatory)

Continuous air barrier shall be installed in the building envelope.



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Air Barrier (**Mandatory**)



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# R402.4.1.1 Air and Thermal Barrier (Mandatory)



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Air and Thermal Barrier (**Mandatory**)

Air permeable insulation shall not be used as a sealing material





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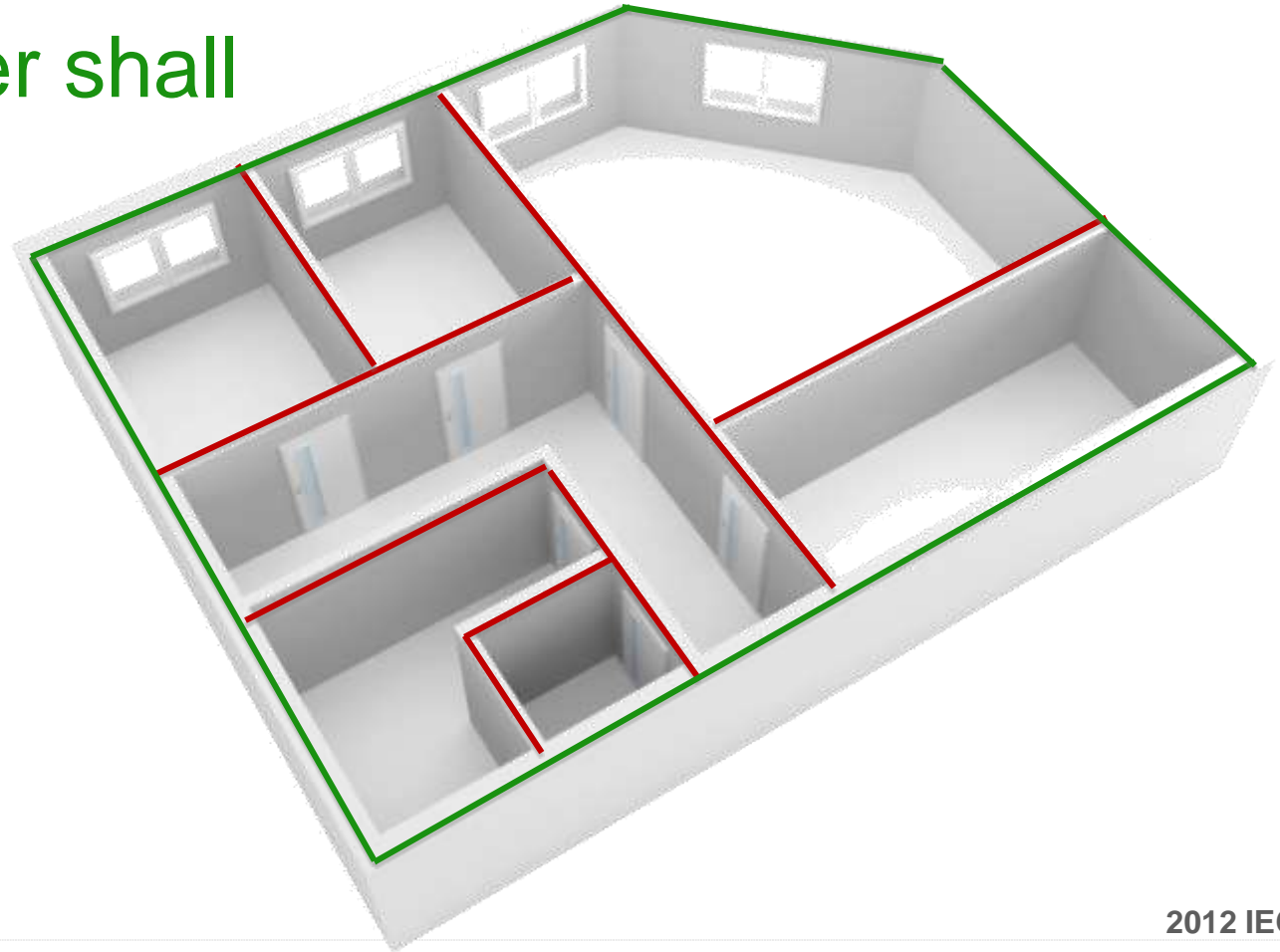
# Table R402.4.1.1 Ceiling / Attic (**Mandatory**)

The air barrier in any dropped ceiling/soffit shall be aligned with the insulation and any gaps in the air barrier sealed



# Table R402.4.1.1 Ceiling / Attic (Mandatory)

Breaks or joints in  
the air barrier shall  
be sealed





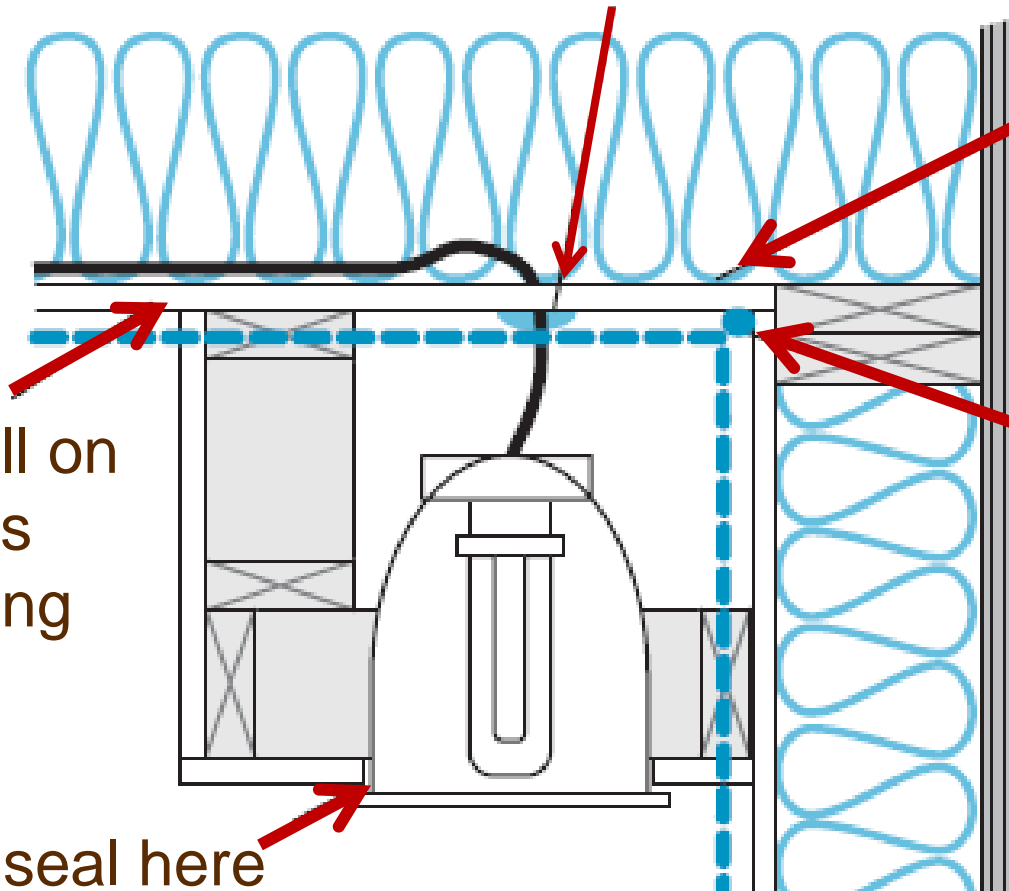
# Table R402.4.1.1 Ceiling / Attic (Mandatory)



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Dropped Ceiling / Attic (**Mandatory**)

Seal all penetrations through air barrier



Air barrier follows insulation not soffit

Seal air barrier joints

Hang drywall on walls/ceilings before framing soffits and chases

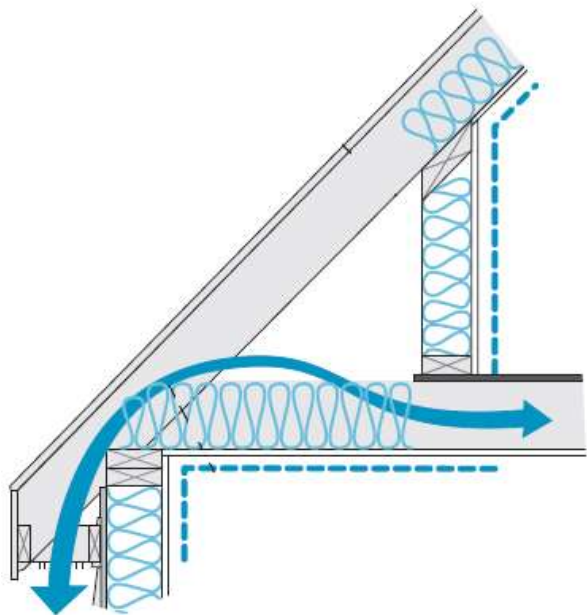
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# R402.4.1.1 Ceiling / Attic (**Mandatory**)

Sealed  
Access  
Opening



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Knee walls shall be sealed

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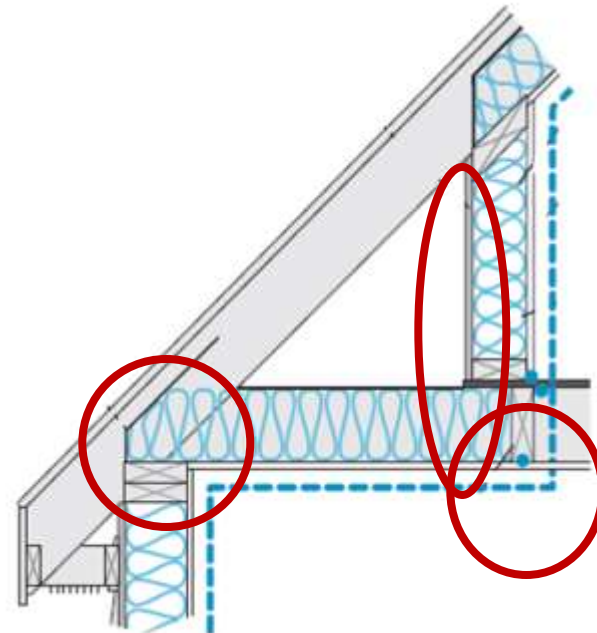


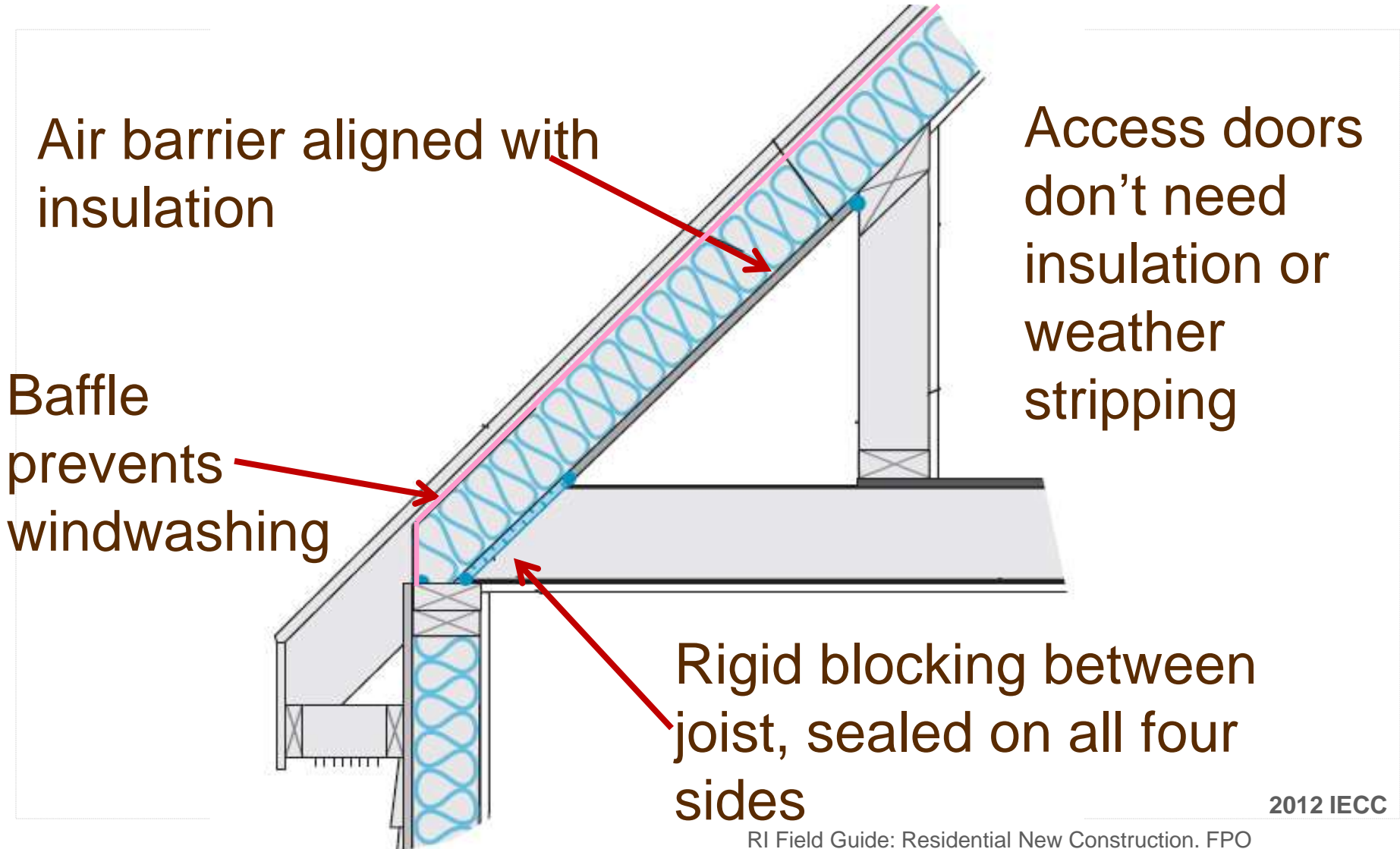
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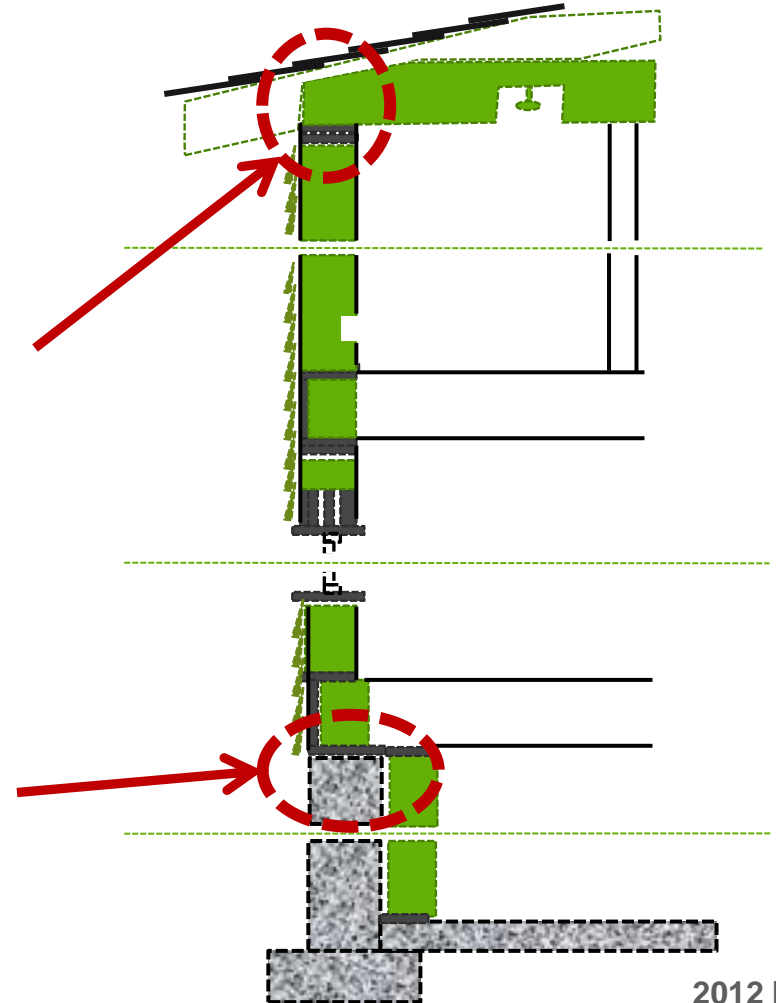
# Table R402.4.1.1 Ceiling / Attic (**Mandatory**)



# R402.4.1.1 Walls (Mandatory)

The junction of the top plate and top of exterior walls shall be sealed

Junction of foundation and sill plate is sealed



# Table R402.4.1.1 Walls (Mandatory)



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# R402.4.1.1 Walls (Mandatory)



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Windows, Skylights & Doors (Mandatory)



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Rim Joists (**Mandatory**)

Rim joists shall be insulated and include air barrier



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Floors (**Mandatory**)



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Crawl Space Walls (Mandatory)







# R402.4.1.1

## Crawlspace Walls (**Mandatory**)

Exposed earth in unvented crawl space

Class 1 vapor retarder \* *overlapped and sealed by 6"*

# Table R402.4.1.1 Duct Shafts (Mandatory)



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Duct Shafts (Mandatory)





# Table R402.4.1.1 Utility Penetrations (**Mandatory**)





# Table R402.4.1.1 Flue Shafts (**Mandatory**)



# Table R402.4.1.1 Narrow Cavities (Mandatory)





# Table R402.4.1.1 Garage Separation (**Mandatory**)



# Table R402.4.1.1 Recessed Lighting (**Mandatory**)





# Table R402.4.1.1 Wiring (**Mandatory**)



# Table R402.4.1.1 Plumbing (Mandatory)



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Shower/Tubs (Mandatory)



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Electrical/Phone Boxes (Mandatory)

Daylight!



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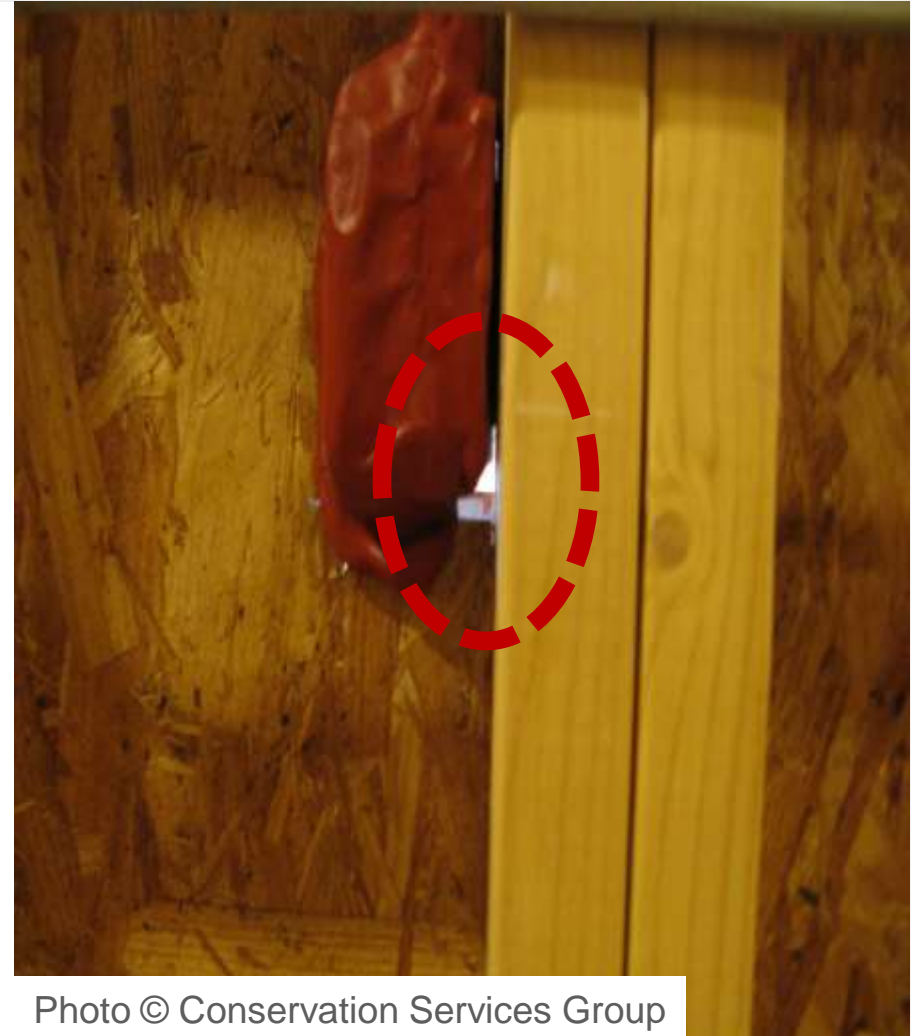


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# Table R402.4.1.1 HVAC Register Boots (Mandatory)



# Table R402.4.1.1 Fireplaces (**Mandatory**)



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# Table R402.4.1.1 Fireplaces (**Mandatory**)



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# R402.4 Air Leakage (**Mandatory**)

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# R404.1 Lighting Equipment (**Mandatory**)

Minimum **75%** high-efficacy lamps in permanent fixtures



# R404.1 Lighting Equipment (Mandatory)





# MA Amendments

Testing and verification shall be done by a HERS Rater, HERS Rating Field Inspector, an applicable BPI Certified professional, or a BBRS approved third party.

- Air Tightness (R402.4)
- Ductwork (R403.2)
- Ventilation Testing (R403.5)

## BBRS “Approved Third Party”

*“An individual who, in a notarized letter of verification, swears in writing under the penalties of perjury that he/she has demonstrated competence and at least two (2) years of experience in the field of blower door, and/or duct blasting and/or, mechanical ventilation testing”* and that the building official shall accept said letter as part of the permit application, and that this policy shall expire on the date that the 9th edition of 780 CMR is in effect.





# MA RNC Tiers & Incentives -2014

## 2014 Incentives

Tier	Savings over Baseline*	Single Family Unit	Multifamily Unit
Tier I	15-29.9%	\$750	\$650
Tier II	30-44.9%	\$1,250	\$1,150
Tier III	45+%	\$7,000	\$4,000

\*New Construction baseline = % savings over Massachusetts specific baseline



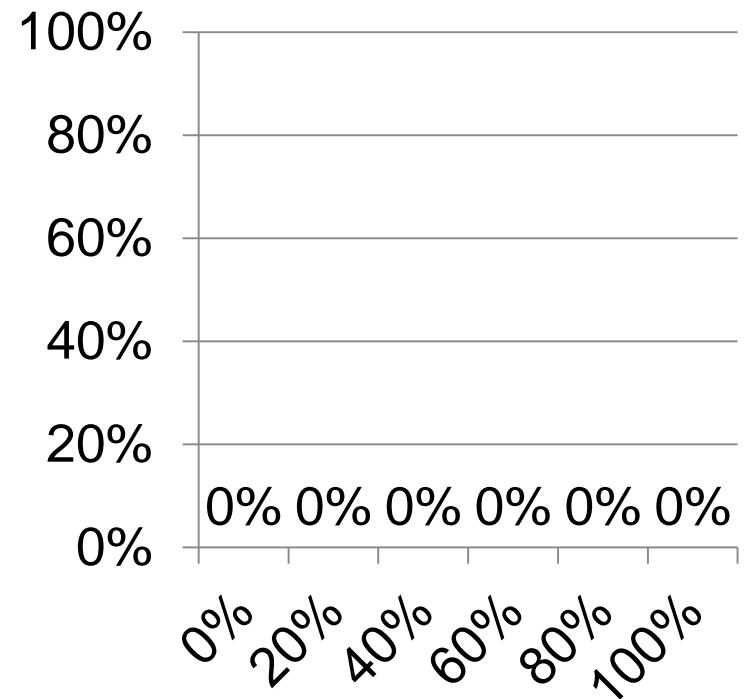
# Additional Training Opportunities

- Residential
  - HVAC and Indoor Air Quality
  - The Changing Residential Energy Code - Moving from 2009 IECC to 2012 IECC
- Commercial
  - MA Commercial Energy Code: Envelope and Building Science
  - MA Commercial Energy Code: Lighting, Lighting Control and Other Electrical Provisions
  - MA Commercial Energy Code: Mechanical Provisions

# Program Baseline Question

Approximately what percentage of all permits (new homes/buildings and retrofits to existing structures) in your jurisdiction are for retrofits?

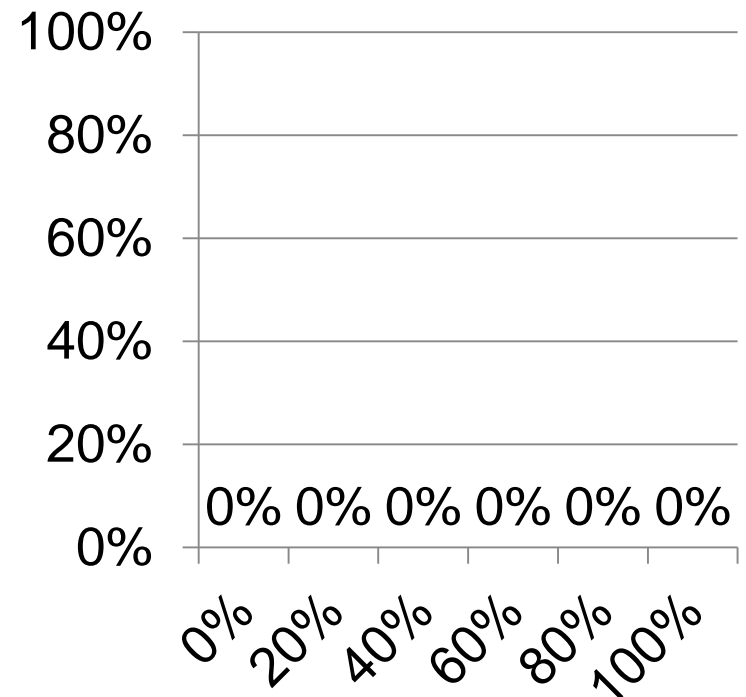
1. 0%
2. 20%
3. 40%
4. 60%
5. 80%
6. 100%



# Program Baseline Question

- Out of the permits that are for retrofits to existing structures, approximately what percentage are energy related (for example, involve an addition to a structure which will affect energy consumption)?

1. 0%
2. 20%
3. 40%
4. 60%
5. 80%
6. 100%





# Rate the Trainer

Trainer was organized and prepared

**Strongly  
Agree**

**Strongly  
Disagree**

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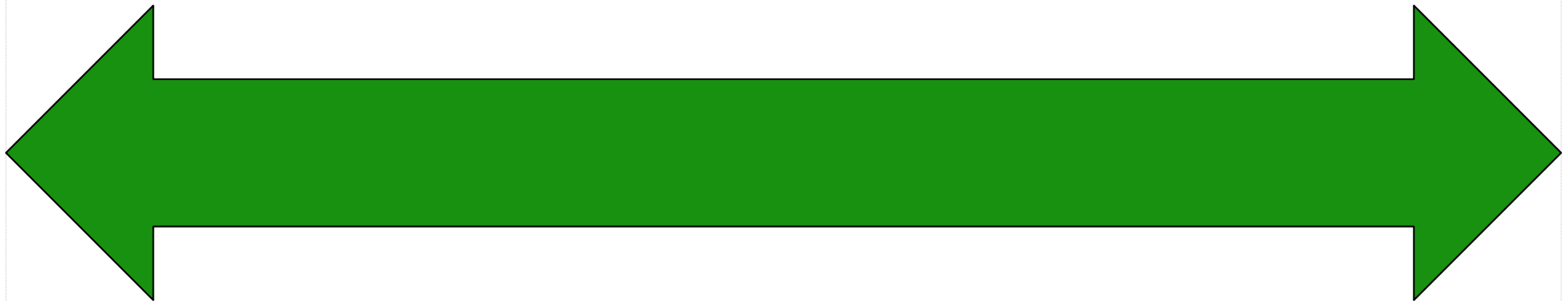
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**6**



# Rate the Trainer

Trainer was knowledgeable and informative

**Strongly  
Agree**

**Strongly  
Disagree**

**1**

**2**

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**4**

**5**

**6**



# Rate the Training

I would recommend this training

**Strongly  
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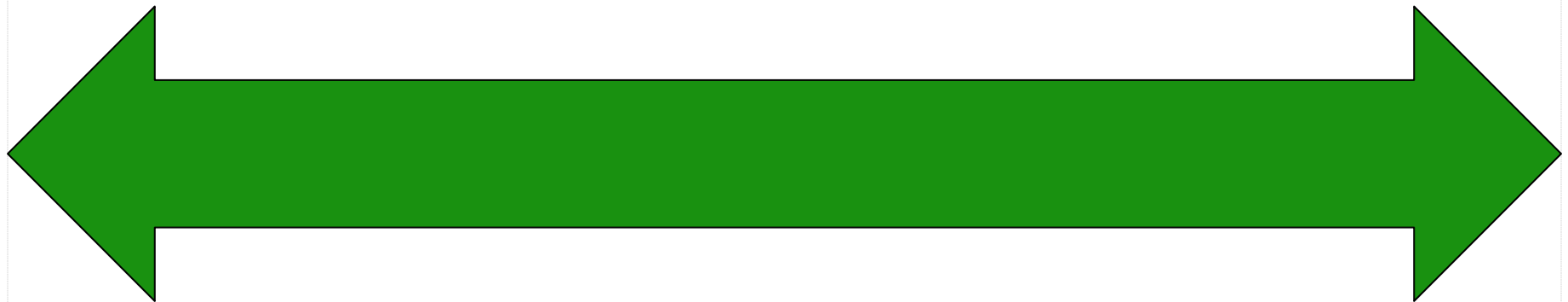
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# Mass Save<sup>®</sup> Energy Code Technical Support

## Project Specific Code Assistance

- MA code officials
- Design professionals
- Contractors
- Material suppliers
- Other



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**Project site visits**



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