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## NOTICE

TO: All Interested Parties  
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SUBJECT: Habitable Attic Space- Residential FBC Section 310.1  
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Please see the below interpretation:



Informal Interpretation  
Report Number 7036



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**Code:** Residential **Code Year:** 2010

**Section:** 310.1

**Question:**

Is it the intent of Section 310.1 to require an emergency escape and rescue opening in an attic used solely for incidental storage?

**Comment:**

Example: An attic space that complies with the definition of "habitable attic" items 1-3 but does not meet the definition of "habitable space".

**Answer:**

No, the code states habitable attics only. The definition of habitable space in the code is: A space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet compartments, closets, halls, screen enclosures, sunroom Categories I, II and III as defined in the AAMA/NPEA/NSA 2100, storage or utility space and similar areas are not considered habitable spaces.

**Commentary:**

None.

**Notice:**

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