

**WAC 51-51-0328 Section R328—Mezzanines.**

**R328.1 General.** Mezzanines shall comply with Section R328.

**R328.2 Mezzanines.** The clear height above and below *mezzanine* floor construction shall be not less than 7 feet (2134 mm).

**R328.3 Area limitation.** The aggregate area of a *mezzanine* or *mezzanines* shall be not greater than one-third of the floor area of the room or space in which they are located. The enclosed portion of a room shall not be included in a determination of the floor area of the room in which the *mezzanine* is located.

**R328.4 Means of egress.** The *means of egress* for *mezzanines* shall comply with the applicable provisions of Section R311.

**R328.5 Openness.** Mezzanines shall be open and unobstructed to the room in which they are located except for walls not more than 42 inches (1067 mm) in height, columns and posts.

EXCEPTIONS:     1. *Mezzanines* or portions thereof are not required to be open to the room in which they are located, provided that the aggregate floor area of the enclosed space is not greater than 10 percent of the *mezzanine* area.  
                  2. *Mezzanines* that are no more than two *stories* above *grade plane* and equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with NFPA 13R, NFPA 13D or Appendix S, and having two or more *means of egress*, shall not be required to be open to the room in which the *mezzanine* is located.

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