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Dear Sir/Madam

**UPDATES TO THE APPROVED DOCUMENT (1 MARCH 2023)**

This circular is to inform the industry on the update to the Approved Document with reference to BCA circular ref: APPBCA-2022-25 issued on 1 December 2022.

2 There are no new requirements in this update. The update incorporates the standardised designs for replacement and reinstatement of safety barriers integrated with windows in existing residential buildings. The amendment to the Approved Document will take immediate effect.

3 Details of the changes to the Approved Document are shown in Annex A. The Standardised Designs will be set out in the updated Approved Document which can be downloaded from BCA's website from this link:

[https://www1.bca.gov.sg/docs/default-source/docs-corp-regulatory/building-control/approved-document-v7-04.pdf?sfvrsn=88213736\\_2](https://www1.bca.gov.sg/docs/default-source/docs-corp-regulatory/building-control/approved-document-v7-04.pdf?sfvrsn=88213736_2)

4 We would appreciate if you could share this circular with your members. If you need any further clarifications, please contact us through BCA's Online Feedback Form at <https://www.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform/>.

5 Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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## Annex A –AMENDMENTS TO THE APPROVED DOCUMENT 1 MARCH 2023

CURRENT VERSION 7.03	1 MARCH 2023 VERSION 7.04	COMMENTS
<b>Section H SAFETY FROM FALLING</b>		
<p><b>H.3 ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION</b></p> <p>H.3.1 The requirement in paragraphs H.2.1, H.2.1A and H.2.1B is deemed to be satisfied if a barrier is provided in accordance with the specifications set out in paragraphs H.3.2 to H.3.5.</p>	<p><b>H.3 ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION</b></p> <p>H.3.1 The requirement in paragraphs H.2.1, H.2.1A and H.2.1B is deemed to be satisfied if a barrier is provided in accordance with the specifications set out in paragraphs H.3.2 to H.3.5.</p> <p><b>H.3.1A The requirements in paragraphs H.2.1, H.2.1A and H.2.1B are deemed to be satisfied for a safety barrier integrated with window at existing residential buildings, if such safety barrier is in accordance with the standardised design.</b></p> <p><b><i>Note: For purposes of Regulation 2 of the Building Control Regulations 2003 and paragraph H3.1A, “standardised design” means the standardised design set out in Annex C in this Approved Document.</i></b></p>	<p><i>Editorial Changes</i></p>
	<p><b>Annex C – Standardised Designs for replacement and reinstatement of safety barriers integrated with windows in existing residential buildings.</b></p>	<p><i>Rules relaxation. document (Annex C) added as acceptable solution.</i></p>

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