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This standard, which is the result of extended and careful consideration of available knowledge and experience on the subject, is intended to provide minimum requirements that are recommended for use, adoption, enforcement by federal, state and local authorities and by model codes. It is recommended that this standard be referenced but not incorporated in any statute.

This Standard does not recommend where safety glazing should be used or, when it is used, what type of glazing material should be used. For this information one should consult other codes, standards and manufacturer's information.

Neither the standards committee nor the secretariat feel that this standard is perfect or in its ultimate form. It is recognized that, although safety-glazing materials are widely used and accepted, new developments are to be expected and revisions of the standards are necessary as the art progresses and further experience is gained.

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