INTERPRETATION

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R302.7 Under-stair protection.

Enclosed accessible space under stairs shall have walls, under-stair surface and any soffits protected on the enclosed side with $\frac{3}{8}$" (12.7mm) gypsum board.

QUESTION #1: If open stud framing has been installed without drywall or other covering under the stairway in an unfinished basement, is the area considered enclosed?

ANSWER: No.

This Official Interpretation was issued by the State Building Code Technical Review Board at its meeting of March 19, 2021.

Chairman, State Building Code Technical Review Board