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Engineers and Contractors

## Question of the Month

From the "Quick Code Answers"

Telephone Support records.

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**Q:** We are reformatting some existing office space. According to the building code, can interior partition walls (non-bearing, non-rated) be attached to the underside of the drop ceiling grid or must they extend through the ceiling grid to connect with the roof structure?

**A:** They may stop at the ceiling. That is, as long as they can withstand a horizontal load of at least 5 pounds/SF. There would be some additional requirements if you were building in a seismic area. See IBC 1607.13 for details.

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**Quick Code Answers** is an annual subscription service that provides Phone & On-site technical support for Building Code questions.

## Current Events

**Pennsylvania adopts the 2006 International Building Code.** According to the International Code Council (ICC) Update publication, there are approximately 495 changes from the 2003 codes. The ICC further identifies 125 of these changes as critical in their publication Significant Changes to the 2006 IBC. The new code will be used to review plans and perform the corresponding inspections for all new permit applications. The **only exception** is stated on the PA L&I website. It exempts projects where there was a signed contract for design or construction prior to 2007.

Both of the publications mentioned in this article are available at a discount rate through **Approved Code Services**. They are also provided with our **Significant Changes** training seminar.

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## Code Tip

Excerpt from our

**Top Ten Misunderstood**

**Code Requirements** Training Seminar.

**Railing and Guard Basics** - Guards must be provided when roof mounted, serviceable equipment is within 10 feet of the edge. See IBC 1012.5 for details.

## Recommended Resources



Accessibility PocketBook 2006 IBC and ANSI A117.1-2003

Published by International Code Council.

This handy book combines the accessibility provisions of the IBC with the ADA technical requirements into an easy-to-use resource.

*This and many other publications are available at a discount rate through **Approved Code Services, Inc.***

## Product Highlight

**Approved Code Services, Inc.** offers short, fast-paced code training seminars that create an effective learning experience - even for “reluctant” learners.

These on-site, two hour seminars are especially valuable for project managers, estimators and site supervisors. Ample time is allocated to answering specific questions and scenarios.

**Move into the new 2006 code with confidence!**

**Contact us today to schedule training for your team.**

## Got Questions?

**Do you have a code question?** Maybe something that has been inspected and passed on one job and failed on the next? Or maybe you are just wondering about the reason for a certain code.

Submit your code question to [Questions@ApprovedCode.com](mailto:Questions@ApprovedCode.com). Be sure to include a daytime telephone number in case we need more information. We will respond to your question by e-mail or phone as soon as possible.

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