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Travel Distance to Gas Fired Equipment in a Crawl Space

Code: 2012 Fuel Gas Code

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Section: 306.4

Question:

Can the travel distance to gas fired appliances in a crawl space exceed 20 feet when the access opening and passageway is not less than 6 feet high for its entire length?

Answer:

Yes, Section 306.4, Exception 2 allows a 6 foot high passageway in a crawlspace to be unlimited in length.

Note that Section 306.4 applies to appliances and not equipment. A gas-fired water heater is an appliance; a gas regulator is equipment.