

2006 NC Building/Fire Code  
1012.3 Opening Limitations (061212 Item B1)

**1012.3 Opening Limitations.** Open guards shall have ballisters or ornamental patterns such that a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere cannot pass through any opening up to a height of 34 inches (864 mm). From a height of 34 inches (864 mm) to 42 inches (1067 mm) above the adjacent walking surfaces, a sphere 8 inches (203 mm) in diameter shall not pass. A bottom rail or curb shall be provided that will reject the passage of a 2 inch (51 mm) diameter sphere.  
(exceptions unchanged)

The effective date of this Rule is September 1, 2007.  
The Statutory authority for Rule-making is G.S. 143-136; 143-138.