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**Access Requirements for Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Fans**

**Code:** 2002 Mechanical Code

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**Section:** 306.5 and 306.6

**Question:**

Does the 2002 NC Mechanical Code require that the access provisions of Sections 306.5 and 306.6 would apply to roof top mounted kitchen exhaust fans?

**Answer:**

Yes, the 2002 NC Mechanical Code sections 306.5 and 306.6 apply to equipment requiring access for routine maintenance. A commercial kitchen exhaust fan is an example of the type of equipment requiring routine maintenance.