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**Materials Exposed in Plenums of Single Family Dwellings**

**Code:** 2002 Mechanical Code

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**Section:** 602.2.1 Exception 3

**Question:**

For one and two family dwellings, can PVC plastic condensate piping be exposed in an equipment room used as a plenum?

**Answer:**

Yes. Exception 3 to Section 602.2.1 of the 2002 Mechanical Code states that the limitations of this section concerning combustible materials exposed in plenums does not apply to one and two family dwellings.