Safety Glazing in Bathroom Locations

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Section: R308.4

Question:
Is safety glazing required in bathrooms in locations other than compartments enclosing hot tubs, whirlpools, saunas, steam rooms, bathtubs and showers?

Answer:
Paragraph 4 of Section R308.4 requires safety glazing in:

“... doors and enclosures for hot tubs, whirlpools, saunas, steam rooms, bathtubs and showers. Glazing enclosing these compartments where the bottom edge of the glazing is less than 60 inches measured vertically above any standing or walking surface.”

For glazing in walls not actually enclosing the fixtures sited, safety glazing is required if ALL the conditions listed in Paragraph 6 of Section R308.4 are met:

"6.1. Exposed area of an individual pane greater than 9 square feet.
"6.2. Bottom edge less than 18 inches above the floor.
"6.3 Top edge greater than 36 inches above the floor.
"6.4 One or more walking surfaces within 36 inches horizontally of the glazing."

See the diagram below.
For locations marked (A), R308.4, Paragraph 4 applies. For locations marked (B), R308.4 Paragraph 6 applies.