Tempered Glass Next to Doors

Section: R308.4

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Question:
If a window is located within 24" of a door, is tempered glass required?

Answer:
Glazing that is within 24 inches of either the hinge or latch side of a door, whose bottom edge is less than 60" above the floor or walking surface and is in the same plane (same wall) as the door, must be tempered or safety glazing which meets CPSC 16 CFR Part 1201. This is different from the NC Building Code (Commercial Code) and the International Residential Code.

Exception 4 applies to a door to a closet or storage area 3 feet or less in depth.