Covered Porch and Deck Treated Wood Requirements

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Section: R319.1.2

Question:
What parts of a covered porch or deck are required to be made of naturally durable or pressure preservative treated wood?

Answer:
All portions of the porch or deck from the bottom of the header down, including posts, guardrails, pickets, steps, and floor structure are considered to be exposed to the weather and are required to be naturally durable; pressure treated; or dip treated in accordance with AAMA/NWWDA 101/1.S.2, properly primed and painted, for compliance.