Porch Column Attachment

**Code:** 2006 Residential Code  
**Section:** R407.3  
**Date:** October 1, 2007

**Question:**  
Does the Residential Code require that posts, such as on a front porch or screened porch, be anchored?

**Answer:**  
In 90 and 100 mph wind zones, section R407.3 requires "columns shall be restrained to prevent lateral displacement at the top and bottom ends". The International Residential Code Commentary gives some very general illustrations and indicates the bottom of the column to be "toenailed into a treated wood plate".