



City of Seattle  
**Department of Planning & Development**

## **2012 SEBC Code Solution**

**SEBC Section 302.4**  
**Unsafe Building Appendages**  
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*The following interpretation, policy or code alternate is intended to provide guidance to staff for consistency of review and is subject to change without notice. Application of this interpretation, policy or code alternate to specific projects may vary.*

### **Code Issue:**

When does DPD require unreinforced masonry parapets to be reinforced?

### **Policy:**

Unreinforced masonry parapets are unsafe building appendages that are considered public nuisances according to SEBC Section 302.4. If DPD recognizes the building to be an unreinforced masonry building, we will require the elimination of this unsafe condition.

When a permit application triggers compliance, DPD requires retrofitting or that it meets the standard (ASCE 31).

For questions about whether this code solution applies to your project:

- *If you have submitted a permit application, contact the Building Code plan reviewer assigned to your application*
- *If you have not submitted an application, contact DPD Building Code Technical Support at 206-684-4630 or in person at the Applicant Services Center. Visit the Applicant Services Center website for more information about hours and location [http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Permits/Process\\_Overview/Location\\_Hours/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Permits/Process_Overview/Location_Hours/default.asp)*



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