

**El Dorado County Development Services Department
Building Services**

POLICY

*A department policy is based on an interpretation of a code provision
and is subject to change based on new information.*

DETERMINING GRADE FOR GUARDRAIL REQUIREMENTS

A guardrail is required when an elevated walking surface is more than 30 inches above grade or floor (CBC 1013.1). For the purpose of determining “grade” the following definition from CBC 202-G shall be used:

Grade (adjacent ground elevation) is the lowest point within 5 feet horizontally of the elevated walking surface.