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Date: **January 24, 2007**
Subject: **Drip edge requirements**
References: **2003 International Residential Code**

This Staff Code Interpretation is intended to be used to clarify Section R905.2.8.1 of the International Residential Code.

Below is the exact text from the section of the code in question:

Section R905.2.8.1, Base and cap flashing. Base and cap flashing shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Base flashing shall be of either corrosion-resistant metal a minimum nominal 0.019 inch thickness or mineral surface roll roofing weighing a minimum of 77 pounds per 100 square feet. Cap flashing shall be corrosion-resistant metal of minimum nominal 0.019 inch thickness.

Question: Does this section for base and cap flashing require the installation of a drip edge on a residential roof?

Answer: No, the IRC does not require drip edge for roofs.

Code Updates: With the adoption of the 2015 IRC, drip edge is now required for residential roofs per Section R905.2.8.5 (Drip edge).

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