



STATE OF WASHINGTON

## STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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### STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 98-12

**CODE:** 1997 Uniform Plumbing Code

**SECTION:** 608.5 Exception

- QUESTIONS:**
1. Is it the intent of the exception to exempt equipment on any floor, i.e., floors above the first habitable floor, from the requirement to connect to an approved drain?
  2. When a replacement water heater is installed in a space provided with a drain discharging to the exterior of the building, is reconnecting to that drain required?

- ANSWERS:**
1. **Yes, if the equipment is replacement equipment.**
  2. **Yes. Replacing a water heater is simply replacing one part of an existing “plumbing system” (see UPC Definitions, Section 21.0) and the original system connections should be maintained. The exception is intended to apply where there is no existing drain.**

**SUPERSEDES:** None

**REQUESTED BY:** City of Bellevue