



# Washington State Building Code Council

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## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 16-02

**CODE:** 2012 International Residential Code

**SECTION:** R309.2, Carports

**QUESTION:** A carport, according to the IRC, must have two “open” sides. What is the definition of “open?” Is there a ratio of wall area to open area that qualifies a structure as being open?

**ANSWER:** **The intent is that a carport is at least 100 percent open on one side and with 50 percent net openings.**

**SUPERSEDES:** None

**REQUESTED BY:** San Jan County