

Safety Glazing Certification Council

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If you're looking for the top safety glazing companies... you've found the source.

The Safety Glazing Certification Council (SGCC) is a non-profit corporation, established in 1971 by manufacturers of safety glazing products, building code officials, and others concerned with public safety.

SGCC maintains a program which provides for independent, third-party certification of safety glazing materials found to be in compliance with one or both of the following specifications:

American National Standard for Safety Glazing Materials
used in buildings - Safety Performance Specifications and
Methods of Test: ANSI Z97.1-1984.

Consumer Products Safety Commission Safety Standard for
Architectural Glazing Materials - codified at Title 16, Part
1201 of the code of Federal Regulations: 16 CFR 1201.

For assurance of quality and performance in safety glazing, look no further!



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How SGCC safety certification protects you...

Most of us enter and leave our homes, places of employment, and the public buildings around us without a thought to glazing safety.

While we may not "see" the SGCC certification process when we look through a glass door or window, that process is there to help protect us in case of accidents in the commercial, institutional and residential structures we frequent on a daily basis.

For more information about SGCC and its procedures, or for a free copy of our Certified Products Directory, architects, builders, manufacturers, public interest groups, and interested individuals are encouraged to call (315) 646-2234 or write to the address below.

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Everywhere you turn, architectural glazing products surround you.

The translucent partitions in office buildings...the revolving doors at airports...windows in restaurants...sliding glass doors at home...

Whether they allow you to look outdoors, optimize indoor lighting, enhance aesthetics, or provide visibility or safety — all safety glazing products should be constructed in a way that protects the people who rely on them.

SGCC Who We Are...

The Safety Glazing Certification Council is a non-profit corporation that provides for the third-party certification of safety glazing materials.

What we do...

SGCC maintains a certification program under which manufacturers of safety glazing products voluntarily submit their products for testing to a SGCC approved independent testing laboratory. To cover testing and program costs, a nominal per-product fee is charged to the manufacturer.

The testing procedures used in SGCC's program are the standards established in ANSI Z97.1 and/or CPSC 16 CFR 1201. These safety standards are designed to eliminate or reduce the risks of serious injury from broken glass.

How we do it...

Safety glazing products that comply with these specifications are assigned an exclusive SGCC certification number which identifies the product, the manufacturer, and the plant specific origin. This number is affixed to the product itself as part of an SGCC approved certification label and also appears in SGCC's Certified Products Directory, thus establishing traceability. The directory is published twice a year and is distributed free of charge to more than 2500 building products manufacturers, architects, contractors, regulatory agencies, and code-making groups.

To ensure continued compliance, SGCC conducts a follow-up program in which random samples of the certified products are re-tested during an unannounced, biannual production facility inspection.

How the SGCC benefits the public...

SGCC certification is in everyone's best interest. In the glazing marketplace, specifying engineers can be confident in their selection of SGCC certified architectural glazing products. Builders rely on the fact that the SGCC-certified glass they handle and install has met industry standards. Building owners minimize risk by having this third-party review. And occupants benefit from the rigorous testing that precedes SGCC certification, even though they may not even be aware of it.

More than a mere regulatory formality, SGCC certification benefits safety glazing manufacturers too. SGCC certification gives manufacturers the peace of mind of knowing that their products have been subjected to independent, third-party review and have been evaluated to accepted standards. This means confidence in the marketplace, assurance of reduced liability, and pride in craftsmanship.

Moreover, the SGCC listing and safety label are handy, visible assurances for code-enforcement officials who have the responsibility of ensuring safe building construction in our homes, workplaces and public spaces.

Who's setting safety standards for the glazing industry? We are . . . SGCC.

The Safety Glazing Certification Council is a non-profit organization that provides for the certification of safety glazing materials. The SGCC consists of safety glazing manufacturers and other parties concerned with public safety.

The SGCC offers voluntary third-party safety certification for manufacturers on a voluntary basis. Benefits of this third-party certification include:

- A level playing field. SGCC certification ensures that your competitors interpret and meet the same industry standards that you do.
- A sales and quality advantage. Third-party certification offers an advantage over companies who don't participate. SGCC certification alerts prospective buyers that your product has been verified to meet rigorous and independent standards.
- Litigation protection. Although there are no guarantees against litigation, third-party certification can provide an additional defense weapon. Your SGCC certification shows that you have voluntarily met the highest standards in the industry.

Other benefits include added protection against government intervention, and a simple identification system that meets building code label requirements and provides product traceability.

Look to the SGCC to set high standards of quality in the safety glazing industry!