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Attic Access

2016 California Building Code, Section 1209.2 Attic Access

"Attics with a maximum vertical clear height of **less than 30 inches** need not be provided with an attic access openings."

There are two items to consider when determining if an attic access is required:

- 1) The vertical distance from the top of the bottom chord or ceiling joist to the bottom of the top chord or rafter should be a minimum of 30 inches at any one place in the attic.
- 2) Using the above vertical measurement process, a minimum of a 30-inch clear headroom is required directly above the access opening and the opening shall not be less than 20-inch x 30-inch (559 mm by 762 mm).

If there is an attic furnace then the opening size will be required to be at a minimum 30 inches by 30 inches in size.;