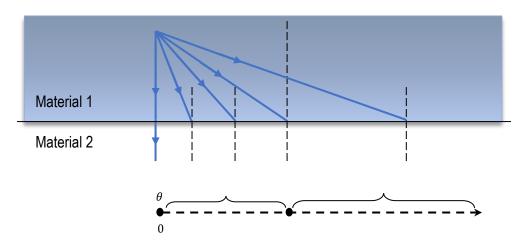
## **CONCEPT: TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTION**

• Remember: When light enters a material with a *lower* index of refraction *n*, it bends *away* from the normal.



- At a **critical angle**  $(\theta_{crit})$  of incidence, the refracted ray is \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the surface, so  $\theta_2$  = \_\_\_\_\_.
  - For angles >  $\theta_{crit}$ , light is **NOT** refracted but totally \_\_\_\_\_ inward. This is called <u>Total Internal Reflection</u>.

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$
  $\Rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_ (Critical Angle)

- Total internal Reflection happens only when  $oldsymbol{n_2} \quad oldsymbol{n_1}$ 

<u>EXAMPLE</u>: In the image above, Material 1 is glass and Material 2 is air. What is the angle for which light will be totally reflected inward?

INDEX OF REFRACTION FOR COMMON MATERIALS	
Vacuum/Air	1
Water	1.33
Glass	1.46