



2015 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE

REQUIREMENTS FOR STAIRS, HANDRAILS AND GUARDRAILS

PROPERTY OWNER NAME _____

JOBSITE ADDRESS _____

PERMIT NUMBER _____

CONTRACTOR _____

Approved For Issuance
Project Subject To Field Inspections

1. **Plan Changes:** Plan Changes must be approved by the Building Department.
2. **Address and Sanitation:** Jobsite address shall be posted and toilet facilities shall be provided for construction workers and such facilities shall be conveniently located and maintained in a sanitary condition. (Local Amendment)
3. **Stair Width:** Stairways shall not be less than 36 inches in clear width. – Sec. R311.7.1
4. **Stairs Risers:** The riser height shall not be more than 7 ¾ inches. – Sec R311.7.5.1
5. **Stair Treads:** The tread depth shall not be less than 10 inches. – Sec. R311.7.5.2
6. **Handrails:** Handrails for stairways shall be continuous for the full length of the flight. – Sec. R311.7.8.2
7. **Handrails – HEIGHT:** Handrail height shall be not less than 34 inches and not more than 38 inches above the nosing of the steps. R311.7.8.1
8. **Guardrails - OPENINGS:** Guards shall not have openings from the walking surface to the required guard height that allow passage of a sphere 4 inches in diameter. – Sec. R312.1.3
Exception: Guards on the open side of stairs shall not have openings that allow passage of a sphere 4 3/8" in diameter.
9. **Guardrails - HEIGHT:** Guards at open-sided walking surfaces, including stairs, porches, balconies or landings, shall be not less than 36 inches in height. – Sec. R312.1.2

Signature _____

Date _____