

1.2. Stair

1.2.1. Stair

Change in elevation, consisting of one or more risers.

1.2.2. Exit Stair

An Exit component that is separated from other spaces of a building or structure by fire resistance rated construction and opening protective, providing a protected path of egress travel in a vertical direction to exit discharge or public way or outside building.

1.2.3. Stairway

One or more flights of stairs, either exterior or interior, with necessary landings and platforms connecting them to form a continuous and uninterrupted passage from one level to another.

1.2.4. Stairway, Exterior

A stairway that is open on at least one side, except for required structural columns, beams, handrails and guards. The adjoining open area shall be either yards, courts or public ways. The other sides of the exterior stairway need not be open.

1.2.5. Stairway, Interior

A stairway that does not meet the requirements of exterior stairway and serves the interior of the building.

1.2.6. Stairway, Spiral

A stairway having a closed circular form in its plan view with uniform section-shaped treads attached to and radiating from a minimum-diameter supporting column.

1.2.7. Scissor Stair

Two interlocking stairways providing two separate paths of egress located within one stairwell enclosure.

1.2.8. Aisle Stair

A stair within a seating area of an assembly occupancy that directly serves rows of seats to the side of the stair, including transition stairs that connect to an aisle or a landing.

1.2.9. Stair Tread

A stepping space in a stair flight to set the foot.

1.2.10. Stair Riser

The near-vertical element in a set of stairs, forming the space between a step and the next.

1.2.11. Stair Landing

The floor area at the top of a flight of stairs or between two flights of stairs.

1.2.12. Handrail

A horizontal or sloping rail intended for handhold and grasping by the hand for guidance or support.

1.2.13. Guard

A vertical protective barrier erected along elevated walking surfaces, exposed edges of stairways, balconies and similar areas that minimizes the possibility of fall from elevated surfaces to lower level.