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## Stairway, Handrail, \& Guardrail Requirements

1. Handrails-All stairways with four or more risers shall have handrails. Stairways within a dwelling and less than 44 " in width may only have one handrail. Height of handrails shall be $34 "-38$ " above nosing of treads and landings.
2. Guardrails-Unclosed floor and roof openings, open and glazed sides of stairways, landings, ramps, balconies, and porches, which are more than 30 " above grade or floor below and roofs used for other than service of building shall be protected by a guardrail. (A) Height of guardrail shall be 42 " except within individual dwelling units which may be a minimum of $34 "$ ". (B) Open guardrails shall have intermediate rails or an ornamental pattern such that a sphere $4 "$ in diameter cannot pass through.
3. Stairway-Stairways in dwellings shall not be less than 36 " in width.
4. For requirements of spiral stairs, winders and circular stairs see section 1003 of International Building Code

Private Stairway Detail Serving an occupant load less than 10




