

## **Stairs required for residential suites at all exterior doorways**

Stairs are required for all exterior doorways serving a single unit dwelling (including prefabricated homes) and have to be constructed in conformity with the 2010 National building code of Canada (NBC).

A landing may only be omitted at the top of an exterior flight serving a secondary entrance provided that:

- a) the stair does not contain more than three risers,
- b) the principal door is a sliding door or swings away from the stair, and
- c) only a storm or screen door, if any, swings away over the stair and is equipped with hardware to keep it open (NBC 9.8.6.2. 3).

Handrails are required on exterior stairs if they have more than three risers (NBC 9.8.7.1. 3) b).

Guards (or guardrails) on are required where there is a difference in elevation of more than 600 mm (24 in.) between the walking surface and the adjacent surface (or adjacent surface within 1.2 m has a slope more than 1 in 2) (NBC 9.8.8.1. 1).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 877.7855.

