

Section 1002

DEFINITIONS

1002.1 Definitions. The following words and terms shall have the meanings shown herein.

GUARD: A building component or a system of building components located at or near the open sides of elevated walking surfaces that minimizes the possibility of a fall from a walking surface to a lower level.

HANDRAIL: A horizontal or sloping rail intended for grasping by the hand for guidance or support.

MEANS OF EGRESS: A continuous and unobstructed path of vertical and horizontal egress travel from any occupied portion of a building or structure to a public way. A means of egress consists of three separate and distinct parts: the exit access, the exit and the exit discharge.

NOSING: The leading edge of treads of stairs and of landings at the top of stairway flights.

RAMP: A walking surface that has a running slope steeper than one unit vertical in 20 units horizontal (5-percent slope).

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

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

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

STAIRWAY, INTERIOR: A stairway not meeting the definition of an exterior stairway.

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

WINDER: A tread with nonparallel edges.