



## #B008

# RESIDENTIAL STAIR DETAILS

### When Is A Permit Required?

To protect people from falling and possibly injuring themselves, there are specific code requirements regarding the height of a step and when a handrail is required.

A permit required for stairways with 4 or more risers. International Residential Code (IRC) Section R311.7 details stair construction requirements and should be followed regardless if a permit is required or not.

Refer to the figure below for a summary of applicable code requirements.

### What Else Should I Know?

- Consult the Planning Division at Bainbridge Island City Hall to confirm your setbacks or other zoning regulations related to shorelines or critical areas. Shoreline Development
- All development within 200' of ordinary high water requires the submittal of a Shoreline Substantial Development Exemption prior to the submission of a building permit.

### Still Have Questions?

Contact us at (206)780-3750 or email [pcd@bainbridgewa.gov](mailto:pcd@bainbridgewa.gov)

## STANDARD CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Required stairway width = 36"

Required Nose =  $\frac{3}{4}$ " – 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Note: Nosing not required if tread depth is greater than 11".

