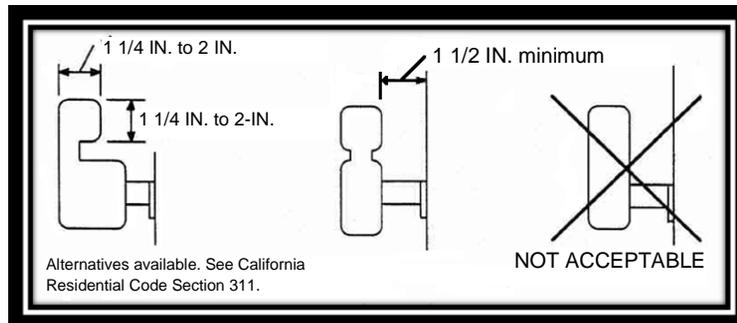
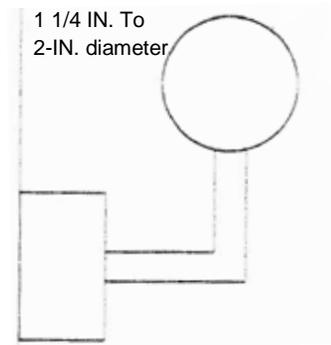


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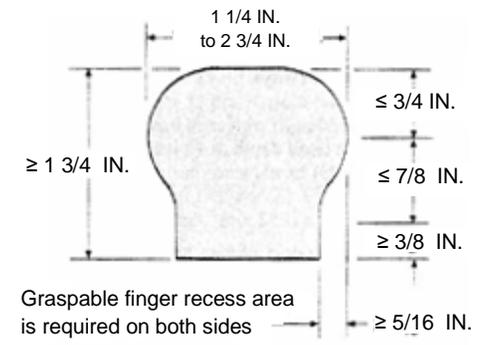
HANDRAIL GRIP EXAMPLES



Handrails are required on at least one side when stairways have four or more risers.



Type I (Circular)



Type II (Perimeter > 6 1/4 IN.)

CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE – QUICK CODE REFERENCES

Exterior Stairway Illumination Requirements

Exterior stairway illumination* - Section R303.7

Glazing Adjacent to Stairways

Glazing adjacent to stairs* - Section R308.4.6

Glazing adjacent to the bottom stair landing* - Section R308.4.7

Guardrails

Guard requirements - Section R312.1

Where guards are required - Section R312.1.1

Guard height requirements* - Section R312.1.2

Opening limitations* - Section R312.1.3

Loads - Table R301.5

Handrails

Handrails - Section R311.7.8

Height* - Section R311.7.8.1

Continuity* - Section R311.7.8.2

Grip-size - Section R311.7.8.3

Loads - Table R301.5

Landings and Walking Surface

Landings for stairways* - Section R311.7.6

Stairway walking surface - Sections R311.7.7

Stairway Widths and Headroom

Stairway Width* - Section R311.7.1

Stairway Headroom* - Section R311.7.2

Stairway Treads, Risers and Nosing

Stair treads and risers - Section R311.7.5

Stair risers (rise)* - Section R311.7.5.1

Stair treads (run) - Section R311.7.5.2

Tread nosing* - Section R311.7.5.3

Attachment - Section R311.5.1

Wildland–Urban Interface (WUI) Area - Section R327.9.2

*Section includes exceptions.

A permit ([form HCD 50](#)) is required from HCD when a deck's landing exceeds 12 square feet and is in an HCD Mobilehome Park. [T25 CCR Section 1018\(d\)\(5\)](#).

Always refer to the actual and current text of applicable laws and regulations. The California Residential Code is available at www.bsc.ca.gov/codes. This document is not intended to be all-inclusive.

Unaltered existing stairways are subject to the requirements that were in effect during the original approval/installation.