

Self-Inspection Checklist

Stairs and Stairway

Date Inspected _____ Date Completed _____

Checklist	Needs to be Addressed	Completed	Not Applicable
Are stairways with four or more stairs equipped with standard stair rails or handrails?			
Are all stairways at least 22 inches wide?			
Do the stairs have landing platforms no less than 30 inches in the direction of travel?			
Do the stairs angle no more than 50 degrees or no less than 30 degrees?			
Are stairs with hollow-pan type treads and landings filled to the top edge of the pan with solid material?			
Are step risers on stairs uniform from top to bottom?			
Are steps on stairs and stairways designed or provided with a surface that makes them slip resistant?			
Are stairway handrails located between 30-34 inches above the leading edge of stair treads?			
Do the stairway handrails have at least 3 inches of clearance between the rails and the wall or surface they are mounted to?			
When a door or gate opens directly on a stairway, is there at least a 21 inch platform provided even when the door or gate is swung open?			
Are the stairway handrails able to withstand a load of 200 pounds, applied within 2 inches of the top edge, in any downward or outward direction?			
If the stairs exit directly into an area where vehicles are operated, is appropriate barriers and warnings provided to prevent people from stepping into the path of traffic?			
Are the stairway landings at least equal to the width of the stairway in the direction of travel?			
Is the vertical distance between stairway landings limited to 12 feet or less?			

This checklist is NOT all-inclusive. You should add to them or skip parts that are not applicable to your company. Carefully consider each item, and refer to OSHA standards for complete and specific guidelines that may apply to your work environment. This list is typical for general industry, not construction or maritime. Please contact NATIONAL SAFETY COMPLIANCE for any training or safety supplies you may need.

