

Self-inspection checklist

Stairs and stairways

- Are standard stair rails and handrails present on all stairways having four or more risers?
- Are all stairways at least 22 inches wide?
- Do stairs have at least 6.5 feet of overhead clearance?
- Do stairs angle no more than 50 degrees and no less than 30 degrees?
- Are risers on stair steps uniform, with no riser more than 9.5 inches?
- Are steps on stairs and stairways provided with a slip-resistant surface?
- Are stairway handrails 30-42 inches above the leading edge of stair treads?
- Do stairway handrails have at least three inches' clearance between the handrail and the surface they are mounted on?
- Are stairway handrails capable of withstanding a load of 200 pounds applied in any direction?
- Where stairs or stairways exit directly into an area where vehicles may be operated, have you provided adequate barriers and warnings to prevent employees from stepping into traffic?