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Section 4.10.5.3

Question:

Is it the intent of section 4.10.5.3 Stage Exits to require steps which meet the handrail and width requirements of Chapter 10 at both sides of the stage?

Answer

Stage areas are usually behind the proscenium wall and a minimum of two means of egress meeting the width and handrail requirements are required. The area in front of the proscenium wall can have stairs that have one handrail at the wall, unless the stairs are the primary egress from the stage.

Commentary:

This section requires a Means of Egress, compliant with Chapter 10, from each side of the stage behind the proscenium. The steps on the audience side are not intended to be part of the Means of Egress.

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