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Section 311.7.8.2---exception 2

Question:

Is it the intent of exception 2 to R311.7.8.2 to allow a newel to be located in the first tread of a stair, back in from the lowest riser, and projection above the level of the handrail, thus preventing the hand rail from being grasped at a point directly above the first riser.

Answer

Yes to the question, No to the question in the comment.

Commentary:

None

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