



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section R311.8.3 (and R311.7.8)

Question:

Do Sections R 311.8.3 and R 311.7.8 apply to "exterior" ramps and stairs not located inside the dwelling unit nor attached to it ?

Answer

Yes, provided the ramp or stair serves as a portion of the means of egress from the dwelling or an accessory structure, due to the following - "Handrails shall be provided on not less than one side of ramps exceeding a slope of one unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (8.33-percent slope)."

Commentary:

None.

Notice:

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