



Required Location Of Guards (Adjacent Interior/Exterior Lower Surface)

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9.8.8.1. Required Guards (See Note A-9.8.8.1.)

(1) Except as provided in Sentence (2) and except at the leading edge at the top of a flight, every surface to which access is provided including but not limited to flights of steps and ramps, exterior landings, porches, balconies, mezzanines, galleries and raised walkways, shall be protected by a guard on each side that is not protected by a wall for the length where the difference in elevation is more than 600 mm between the walking surface and the adjacent surface within 1.2m.

OBJECTIVE

The areas adjacent to stairs, platforms, porches, walkways etc. where normally the walking surface is not more than 600 mm (23⁵/₈ in) to grade or adjacent surfaces and doesn't extend 1.2 m (3 ft 11 in) are not required to have guards.

