

### ONTARIO BUILDING CODE

#### 3.4.6.1. Surface Finish of Ramps and Stairs

(1) The surfaces of ramps, landings and treads shall,

- (a) have a finish that is slip resistant, and
- (b) if accessible to the public, have a colour contrast or a distinctive visual pattern to demarcate,
  - (i) the leading edge of the tread,
  - (ii) the leading edge of the landing, and
  - (iii) the beginning and end of a ramp.

(2) A tactile attention indicator conforming to Article 3.8.3.18. shall be installed,

- (a) at the top of the stairs, starting one tread depth back from the edge of the top stair, and

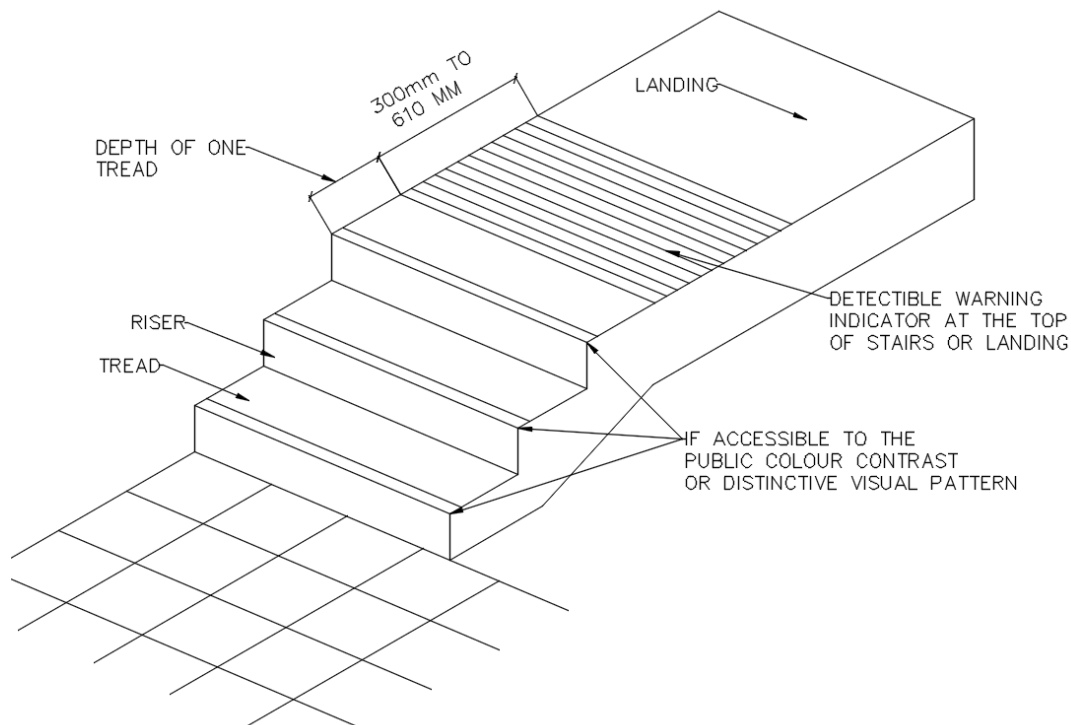
- (b) at the leading edge of landings where a doorway opens onto stairs, starting one tread depth back from the edge of the landing.

(3) Treads and landings of exterior exit stairs shall be designed to be free of ice and snow accumulation if the stairs,

- (a) are more than 10 m high, or
- (b) serve a hotel

### OBJECTIVE

A tactile attention indicator strip signals a warning to people with no or low vision that they are approaching a change in level. The strip is set back from the leading edge of the stair to provide sufficient warning of the change in level in advance. The illustration below shows colour contrast strips on a stair tread and a tactile attention indicator



TACTILE INDICATOR AT STAIRS AND RAMPS