

**Jeanie Bourke - Re: 71 Quebec Street - Interior stair guard**

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Good Morning Richard,

Thank you for the follow up to our conversation yesterday. The exception cited is acceptable as designed and a handrail is not required at the floor elevation change for 2 risers.

I further read the commentary for Sec. 1009.12.5, which notes that the definition of a stair is *A change in elevation, consisting of one or more risers*. This confirms that it also applies to portions or flights of "stairs" with up to 3 risers with a floor or landing at the top and bottom.

I will file this information with the permit documents.

Best,  
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Hi Jeannie,

Earlier today we discussed the balustrade guard & hand rail for the interior stair at 71 Quebec Street. In particular the guard height at the short end of the floor openings at 2nd & 3rd floor level - see attached PDF's:  
BMS-20150604-Interior stair guard-2nd floor.pdf  
BMS-20150604-Interior stair guard-3rd floor.pdf

I understand that the 2 risers indicated at each floor level are considered a floor level change within the room (per IBC 1009.12, exception 5), & do not need a hand rail. A guard at the floor opening will be provided however.

Regards,

- Richard