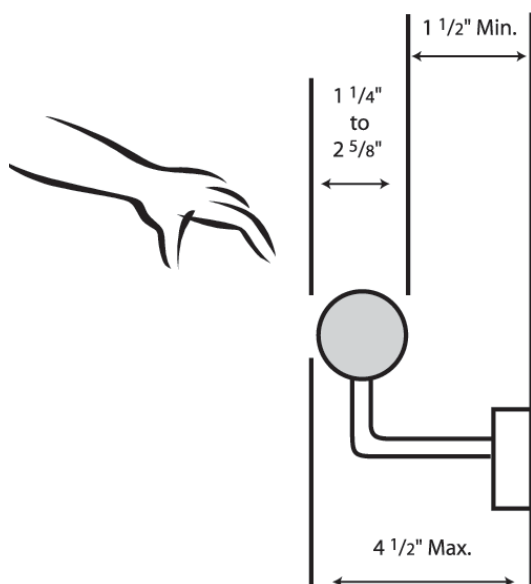


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IRC CODE SECTION R-311: HANDRAILS 2009 International Residential Code Changes

R 311.5.6.3 Handrail Grip Size. The handrail grip portion shall have a circular cross section of 1 1/4" minimum to 2 5/8" maximum. Other handrail shapes that provide an equivalent grasping surface are permitted. Edges shall have a minimum radius of 1/8".



Section R-311: Handrails

R 311.5.6.1 Handrails: Handrails shall be not less than 34" and not more than 38", measured vertically from the nosing of the treads, shall be provided on at least 1 (one) side of the stairway.

All required handrails shall be continuous the full length of the stairs with 2 (two) or more risers from the point directly above the top riser to appoint directly above the lowest riser of the flight of stairs. Ends shall be returned or shall terminate in newel posts or safety terminals. Handrails adjacent to a wall shall have a space of not less than 1 1/2" between the wall and the handrail.

Exceptions

1. Handrails shall be permitted to be interrupted by a newel post at a turn.
2. The use of a volute, turnout or starting easing shall be allowed over the lowest tread.

For more information please contact the Building Department at 580-2091.