



## Notes for Secondary Railing

The IRC, International Residential Code, requires a residential grab-rail or secondary rail on stairways to be:

- 1) 1 1/4" minimum to 2" maximum circular cross-section
- 2) Installed on one side of stairs when four risers or more exist
- 3) Terminated at the newel post
- 4) Clear adjacent wall by 1 1/2"
- 5) Installed 34" - 38" from tread nose

The IBC, International Building Code, requires a commercial grab-rail or secondary rail on stairways to be:

- 1) 1 1/4" minimum to 2" maximum circular cross-section
- 2) Installed on both sides of stairs unless within dwelling units
- 3) Closed return to wall, guard or walking surface
- 4) Continuous without interruption by newel posts or other obstructions
- 5) Handrail terminations require 12" extensions at both top & bottom of stairs
- 6) Installed 34" - 38" from tread nose

**Always check with your local building code official prior to the installation of railing.**

**MEETS IRC & IBC REQUIREMENTS:**

**SECONDARY RAILING MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF IRC SECTION R311, IBC SECTIONS 1009; 1010; 1012**

