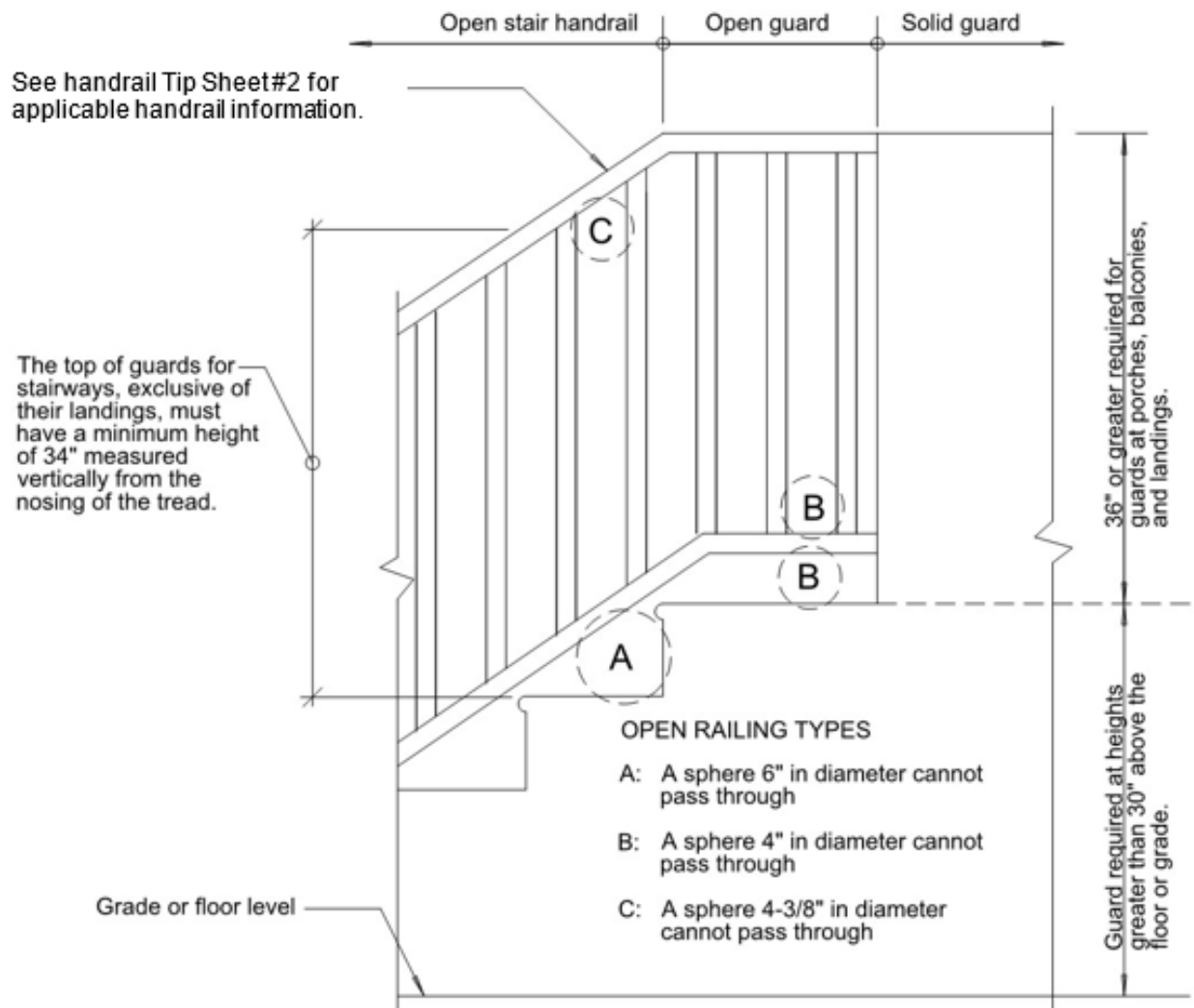


## Residential Guards (Guardrails)

This tip sheet reflects code requirements of the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC) with Washington State Amendments.



**Figure 1: Guard Elevation (IRC R312)**

### Requirements

- Guards shall comply with IRC R312.1; refer to Figure 1 for major requirements.
- Guards shall be structurally designed to comply with IRC Table R301.5 (i.e., designed for a 200-pound load in any direction along the top and a 50-pound point load elsewhere).
- For glass guards or guards with glazing, see IRC R308.4.4.