This Tip Sheet reflects code requirements of the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC) with Washington State Amendments.

Handrails are required on at least one side of each continuous run of treads or flight with four or more risers.

**Typical Handrail Elevation**  
R311.7.8

**Type I Handrails**  
R311.7.8.3

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Residential Handrails

Type II Handrails
R311.7.8.3
(At handrails with a perimeter greater than 6-1/4")

Unacceptable Handrails

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