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WAC 51-50-1011 Section 1011—Stairways.

1011.7 Stairway construction. Stairways shall be built of materials consistent with the types permitted for the type of construction of the building.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Wood handrails shall be permitted in all types of construction.
 2. Interior exit stairway in accordance with Section 510.2.

1011.17 Stairways in individual dwelling units. Stairs or ladders within an individual dwelling unit used for access to areas of 200 square feet (18.6 m²) or less, and not containing the primary bathroom or kitchen, are exempt from the requirements of Section 1011.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 19.27.031 and 19.27.074. WSR 20-01-090, § 51-50-1011, filed 12/12/19, effective 7/1/20; WSR 16-03-064, § 51-50-1011, filed 1/19/16, effective 7/1/16.]

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1011.1 General. *Stairways* serving occupied portions of a building shall comply with the requirements of Sections 1011.2 through 1011.13. *Alternating tread devices* shall comply with Section 1011.14. Ship's ladders shall comply with Section 1011.15. Ladders shall comply with Section 1011.16.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Within rooms or spaces used for assembly purposes, stepped aisles shall comply with Section 1029.
 2. Stairways, alternating tread devices, ship's ladders, or ladders within an individual dwelling unit or sleeping unit used for egress from areas of 200 square feet (18.6 m²) or less, and not containing the primary bathroom or kitchen, are exempt from the requirements of Section 1011. Such areas shall not be located more than 10 feet (3048 mm) above the finished floor of the space below.

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