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**WAC 296-24-76501 Terms.** The following terms must have the meaning ascribed in this section when referred to in WAC 296-24-76503 through 296-24-76523 unless the context requires otherwise.

(1) **Handrail.** A single bar or pipe supported on brackets from a wall or partition to provide a continuous handhold for persons using a stair.

(2) **Nose, nosing.** That portion of a tread projecting beyond the face of the riser immediately below.

(3) **Open riser.** The air space between the treads of stairways without upright members (risers).

(4) **Platform.** An extended step or landing breaking a continuous run of stairs.

(5) **Railing.** A vertical barrier erected along exposed sides of stairways and platforms to prevent falls of persons. The top member of railing usually serves as a handrail.

(6) **Rise.** The vertical distance from the top of a tread to the top of the next higher tread.

(7) **Riser.** The upright member of a step situated at the back of a lower tread and near the leading edge of the next higher tread.

(8) **Stairs, stairway.** A series of steps leading from one level or floor to another, or leading to platforms, pits, boiler rooms, cross-overs, or around machinery, tanks, and other equipment that are used more or less continuously or routinely by employees, or only occasionally by specific individuals. A series of steps and landings having three or more risers constitutes stairs or stairway.

(9) **Tread.** The horizontal member of a step.

(10) **Tread run.** The horizontal distance from the leading edge of a tread to the leading edge of an adjacent tread.

(11) **Tread width.** The horizontal distance from front to back of tread including nosing when used.

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