

**WAC 296-307-26006 Definitions that apply to this section. Nose or nosing.** The part of a tread projecting beyond the face of the riser immediately below.

**Open riser.** The air space between the treads of stairways without risers.

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

**Railing.** A vertical barrier erected along exposed sides of stairways and platforms to prevent people from falling. The top part of the railing usually serves as a handrail.

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

**Riser.** The upright part of a step at the back of a lower tread and near the leading edge of the next higher tread.

**Stairs or stairway.** A series of steps. A series of steps and landings having three or more risers constitutes stairs or a stairway.

**Tread.** The horizontal part of a step.

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

**Tread width.** The horizontal distance from front to back of tread, including nosing.

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