

REQUIRED LANDINGS FOR DWELLINGS

ONTARIO BUILDING CODE

Sentence 9.8.6.2. Required Landings

- (1) Except as provided in Sentences (2) to (4) and sentence 9.9.6.6.(2), a landing shall be provided,
 - (a) at the top and bottom of each flight of interior and exterior stairs, including stairs in garages,
 - (b) at the top and bottom of every ramp with a slope greater than 1 in 50, and
 - (c) Where a doorway opens onto a stair or ramp.
- (2) Where a door at the top of a stair in a dwelling unit swings away from the stair, no landing is required between the doorway and the stair.
- (3) A landing may be omitted at the top of a stair serving a secondary entrance to a single dwelling unit, including an entrance from an attached garage provided,
 - (a) the stair does not contain more than 3 risers,
 - (b) except as provided in Clause (c), the door is a sliding door or swings away from the stair, and
 - (c) where a storm or screen door is provided, it may swing over the stair if it is equipped with hardware to hold it open.

- (4) A landing may be omitted at the bottom of an exterior stair or ramp provided there is no obstruction, such as a gate or door, within the lesser of the width of the stair or ramp, or,
 - (a) 900 mm for stairs or ramps serving a single dwelling unit, and
 - (b) 1100 mm for stairs or ramps not serving a single dwelling unit.

COMMENTARY

1. The requirements of the Building Code for a landing at the top of each flight of interior and exterior stairs are waived for a stair within an attached garage serving a dwelling unit, provided the door at the top of the stair swings away from the stair and the stair has a maximum of 3 risers. Refer to Plan #1.
2. A landing is not required at the top of the exterior secondary stair serving a dwelling unit if the stair does not contain more than three risers and the door at the top of the stair swings away from the stair. If a storm door or screen is provided the door is equipped with the hardware to hold it open. Refer to Plan #2.
3. An exterior stair serving a dwelling unit may have the landing omitted at the bottom of the stair provided there are no obstructions at the bottom of the stair within 900 mm (2'-11") from the first riser. Refer to Plan #3.

