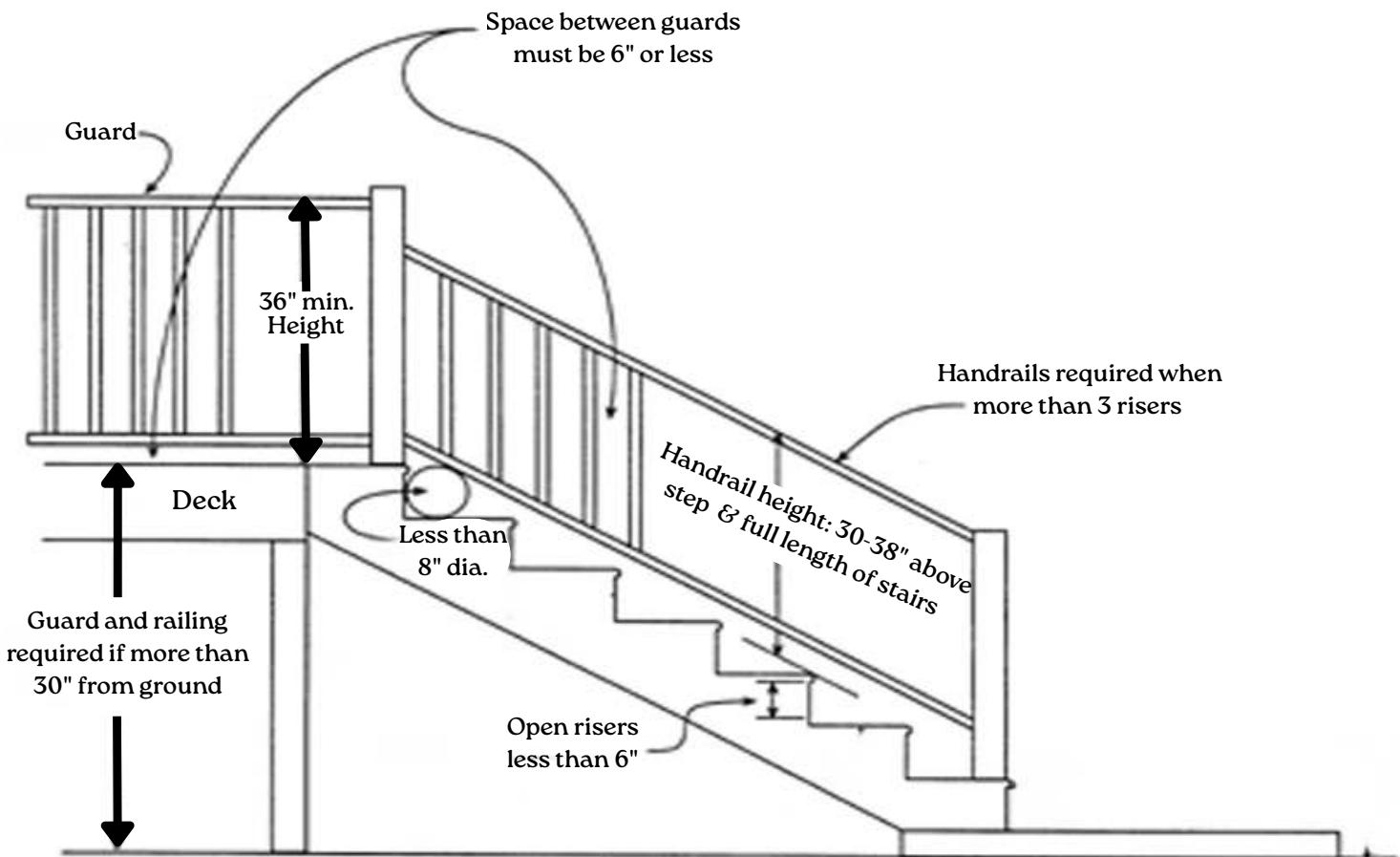


HANDRAILS, GUARDS, & STAIRS FACT SHEET

ATCP 72



Handrails, Guards, & Stairs:

Handrails

- o Required on steps with more than 3 risers
- o Height requirement of 30"-38" above step & full length of flight of steps

Guards

- o Required on all open sides of more than 3 risers.
- o Required on elevated surface greater than 30 inches above floor or grade (decks, lofts, balconies)
- o Height must be minimum of 36 inches above floor.
- o Between guards not less than 6 inch gap.

Stairs

- o Triangle opening formed by riser, tread and bottom rail must not allow passage of a sphere 8" in diameter/wide.
- o Open risers shall not exceed more than 6" height.

Exemptions to these requirements:

- o Egress window wells, retaining walls, landscape features, walkways, landings, platforms, decks, balconies or porches or stairs that are not attached to the lodging facility.

