

slope of one foot of rise in 8 feet will be permitted. The ramps shall have a slip-resistant surface and shall have no side slope.

(b) *Ramp width.* Ramps shall be at least 4 feet wide, of which not more than 4 inches on each side may be occupied by a handrail.

(c) *Ramp handrails.* Ramps shall have a handrail on each side which shall be at least 2 feet 6 inches high (preferable height, 2 feet 8 inches). Handrails on unenclosed ramps shall include an intermediate parallel rail at mid height.

(d) *Ramp clearance.* Where ramps are provided to doorways, the ramp on each side of the doorway shall be level for a distance of 5 feet from the door.

(e) *Ramp platforms.* Ramps having a 1:8 slope shall have a 5-foot level platform at 16-foot intervals. Ramps having a 1:12 slope shall have a level platform at 30-foot intervals. Both types of ramps shall have a level platform at least 5 feet long where they turn and at least 5 feet of level clearance at the bottom of the ramps.

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SUBCHAPTER VI - CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

HSS 3.50 Scope. Sections HSS 3.50 to 3.57 apply to all CBRF.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 10-1-78; emerg. am. eff. 8-20-79; am. Register, December, 1979, No. 288, eff. 1-1-80; am. Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80.

HSS 3.51 Definitions. For purposes of this subchapter:

(a) **FLOORS AND STORIES.** (a) *Attic floor.* Attic floor(s) containing habitable rooms that are occupied shall be counted as a story.

(b) *Basement floor.* A basement is a floor level partially or totally below grade and not having any required exit(s) for any floor level above it.

(c) *First floor.* The first floor is the lowest floor having one or more required exits for that floor and for any floors above or below it.

(2) **OUTSIDE WINDOWS.** Outside windows are windows which open directly to the out-of-doors or to unheated enclosed spaces, such as exterior balconies or sun porches.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 10-1-78.

HSS 3.52 Building construction and site. (1) **CONDITION OF BUILDING AND SITE.** Any building utilized as a CBRF shall be structurally sound without visible evidence of structural failure or deterioration.

(a) All courts, yards, or other areas on the premises shall be drained or graded to divert water away from the building.

(b) Fences, other minor construction, driveways, parking areas and similar paved areas shall be maintained in a safe condition.

(c) Walks shall provide convenient all-weather access to buildings and shall be maintained in a safe condition.

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(d) Exterior surfaces of buildings and structures not inherently resistant to deterioration shall be treated with a protective coating of paint or other suitable preservative which will provide adequate resistance to weathering. Any exterior surface treated with paint or other preservative shall be maintained so as to prevent chipping, cracking or other deterioration of the exterior surface or the surface treatment. Lead based paints and preservatives shall not be used.

(e) Every interior floor, wall and ceiling shall be kept in good repair. Interior walls and ceilings in spaces subjected to moisture shall be provided with water-resistant hard surfaces and shall have no substantial surface irregularities or cracking. The use of "indoor-outdoor" carpeting, or other material approved for application on floors subjected to moisture, is acceptable.

(f) Every foundation wall, exterior wall, floor and roof shall be watertight, rodentproof and reasonably weathertight and shall be kept in good repair.

(g) Every exterior window, exterior door and exterior basement hatchway shall be watertight, rodentproof and reasonably weathertight and kept in good repair. Every interior door shall be kept in good repair. All installed door and window hardware shall be maintained in good working condition.

(h) Every inside and outside stair, every porch and every appurtenance to the building shall be so maintained as to be safe in use.

(i) Abrasive strips or non-skid surfaces to reduce or prevent slipping shall be used when slippery surfaces present a hazard.

(j) Replacement carpets shall have a flamespread rating of 75 or less when tested in accordance with rules of department of industry, labor and human relations Wisconsin Administrative Code section Ind. 51.044 for the manufacturer for each specific product. Certified proof by the manufacturer of the aforementioned test for the specific product shall be available in the facility. Certification by the installer that the material installed is the product referred to in the test proof shall be obtained by the facility. Carpeting shall not be applied to walls in any case except where the flamespreading rate can be shown to be 25 or less.

(2) NUMBER OF STORIES. Buildings in which CBRF are located shall have no more than 3 stories unless they comply with current Ind 51.03 (1) or (2).

(3) GARAGES AND ACCESSORY BUILDING. Garages and accessory buildings located on the same property with a CBRF shall comply with the following:

(a) *Attached garages.* 1. Common walls between a CBRF and an attached garage shall be protected with not less than one layer of 5/8-inch Type X gypsum board with taped joints, or equivalent, on the garage side and with not less than one layer of 1/2-inch gypsum board with taped joints, or equivalent, on the CBRF side. Such walls shall provide a complete separation.

2. Floor-ceiling assemblies between garages and CBRF shall be protected with not less than one layer of 5/8-inch Type X gypsum board on the garage side of the ceiling or room framing.