

SAFETY MEETING TOPIC

This form shall be completed and kept on file

Job Name _____ Location _____ Job No. _____
Meeting Leader _____ Title _____
Date Held _____ Place _____ Time _____
Subject of Meeting _____ STAIRWAYS _____

OSHA Standards for the Construction Industry are very clear and specific (Subpart X Section 1926.1050 through 1926.1054 inclusive) as to how stairways must be constructed, including tread size and height, location of landing platforms and handrails. These are but a few of the many legally mandated requirements for stairways.

If you see a stairway that in your opinion is not safe for any reason, do not use it. Bring it to the attention of your Supervisor immediately.

Regardless of the number of rules and regulations that exist to construct something, the safe usage is entirely up to the individual.

Many serious accidents occur on stairs. In most cases they could have been avoided by exercising care and common sense.

Never run up or down stairs.

Always use the handrail when using stairs.

Do not walk up or down a stairway that does not have sufficient illumination, except in the event of severe emergency such as fire and a loss of power, and then do so using extreme caution.

Spills should never be allowed to remain on stairs (or anywhere else). They should be cleaned up immediately.

Always move objects off stairs. Do not leave them there for somebody to trip over.

Inform your Foreman if there is an unsafe stairway on the job.