

1.1 **Department of Labor and Industry**

1.2 **Adopted Permanent Rules Adopting a Change to the International Residential Code**

1.3 **1309.0311 SECTION R311, MEANS OF EGRESS.**

1.4 [For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

1.5 Subp. 2. **IRC section R311.7.1, Width.** Section R311.7.1 is deleted and replaced  
1.6 with the following:

1.7 **R311.7.1 Stairways; general.**

1.8 **R311.7.1.1 Stairways serving dwellings or accessory structures.** All  
1.9 stairways serving a dwelling or accessory structure, or any part thereof, shall  
1.10 comply with this section. This shall include exterior stairs from a dwelling  
1.11 or garage to grade and those stairs serving decks, porches, balconies, sun  
1.12 rooms, and similar structures.

1.13 **Exceptions:**

- 1.14 1. Stairs serving attics or crawl spaces.  
1.15 2. Stairs that only provide access to plumbing, mechanical, or electrical  
1.16 equipment.

1.17 **R311.7.1.2 Width.** Stairways shall not be less than 36 inches (914 mm) in  
1.18 clear width at all points above the permitted handrail height and below the  
1.19 required headroom height. Handrails shall not project more than 4.5 inches  
1.20 (114 mm) on either side of the stairway and the minimum clear width of the  
1.21 stairway at and below the handrail height, including treads and landings,  
1.22 shall not be less than 31-1/2 inches (787 mm) where a handrail is installed on  
1.23 one side and 27 inches (698 mm) where handrails are provided on both sides.

1.24 **Exception:** The width of spiral stairways shall be in accordance with  
1.25 Section R311.7.10.1.

1.26 [For text of subp 3, see M.R.]

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Minnesota Rules, part 1309.0311, subpart 2, is effective January
- 2.2 24, 2017.