

Appendix A
Definitions and Terms

Aisle way - An established path for powered material handling equipment (or foot traffic) used inside an industrial facility, such as aisle ways in a supply warehouse.

Exit Access - That portion of a means of egress that leads to an exit.

Floor - The interior walking and working surface upon which machinery, aisles, and passageways are located. This does not include platforms, walkways, or catwalks.

Guardrail - A vertical guard built along exposed side of stairs and platforms to stop people from falling. The top of a guard-rail can serve as a handrail.

Handrail - Single bar or pipe supported on brackets attached to a wall or partition to provide a handhold for people using stairs.

Means of Egress - A continuous and unobstructed way of exit travel from ANY point in a building or structure to a public way (parking lot or road, etc.).

Midrail - A rail approximately midway between the guardrail and platform and secured to the uprights erected along the exposed sides and ends of platforms.

Nose, Nosing - That portion of a tread projecting beyond the face of the riser immediately below.

Open Riser - The air space between the treads of the stairs.

Passageway or Walkway - A path for pedestrian and non-powered material handling equipment. For the purpose of this standard, passageway is used for interior and walkway for exterior paths.

Rise - The vertical distance from the top of a tread to the top of the next higher tread.

Riser - The upright part of a step at the back of a lower tread and near the leading edge of the next higher tread.

Stairs - A series of steps and landings with three or more risers. Stairs may lead users from one level or floor to another, to platforms, pits, boiler rooms, crossovers, or around machinery, tanks, and other equipment.

Step - The crosspiece of a ladder on which a person may step, also called a rung or cleat. Also means a combination of risers and treads, which may be a part of a stair.

Tread - The horizontal part of a step.

Tread Width - The horizontal distance from the front to the back of tread including nosing.