

Internal stairways

Performance Statement:	Where installed, stairways are designed to reduce the likelihood of injury and also enable future adaptation.
Essential	No requirements.
Desirable	<p>a. Where practicable, stairways in dwellings should provide a minimum clear width of 1000mm and –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. be straight in design;ii. be positioned adjoining a load-bearing wall; andiii. feature a continuous handrail on at least one side of the stairway. See figures 24 and 24a. <p>Note: The steps must provide a slip resistant finish and suitable non-slip tread as specified in the BCA. Handrails on both sides of the stairway are preferred.</p>

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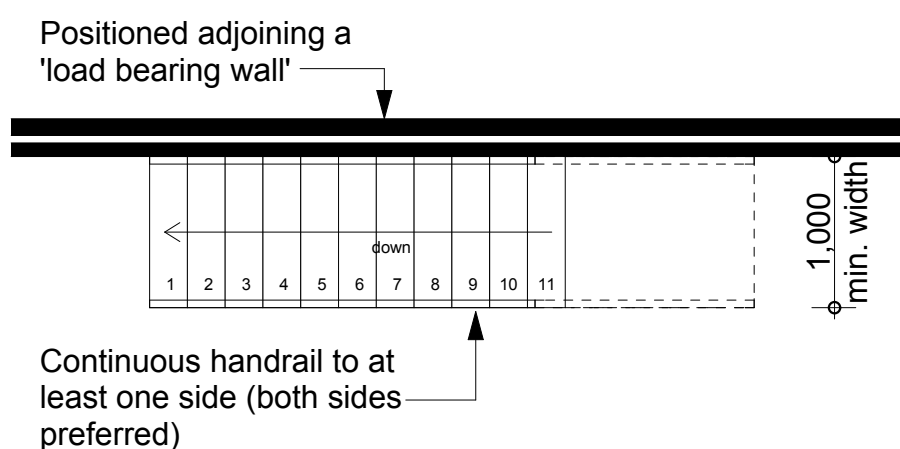


Figure 24. Internal stairways - Desirable

Note: Stair, handrail and balustrade construction to comply with the performance requirements of the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

Note: Continuous handrail to at least one side of the stairway and fixed at a height not less than 865mm above the nosings of the stair treads. Balustrades incorporating handrails must comply with BCA requirements.

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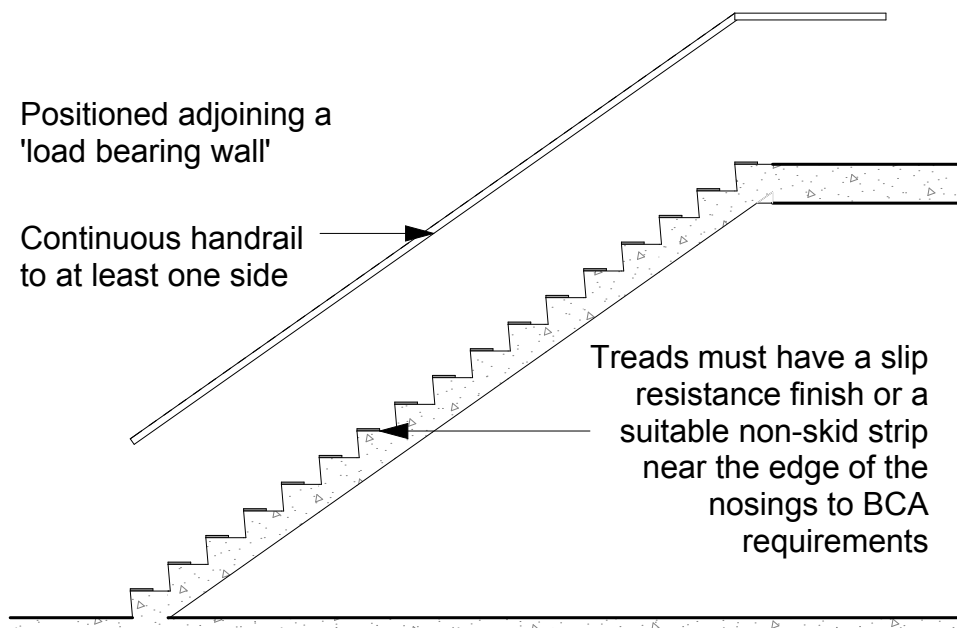


Figure 24a. Internal stairways- cross section

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