

76. Stairs, Steps, Railings (Recreation Element)

Definition

Architectural elements designed to provide opportunities for physical activity or create areas for people to gather both indoors and outdoors.

Design Criteria

Consider utilizing publicly accessible elements, such as stairs, steps, ramps or other building elements, that could be designed to accommodate both utilitarian and social functions.

Integrate elements that can accommodate people with disabilities.

These components will be more suitable for developments of a more public nature, such as community facilities or major public facilities.

Supply Values

Stairs, Steps, Railings	Tots	Children	Teens	Young Adults	Adults	Seniors
Architectural Elements	0	3	4	5	5	4





Examples of indoor and outdoor stair areas designed to function as social spaces

Clockwise from top left:

Terraced Plaza, Kyushu University, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan

> Sturgis Public Charter School, Barnstable, MA Studio G Architects

> > Cooper Union, New York, NY

