

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-04-12

March 1, 2012

The following is in response to your request for formal interpretation dated January 31, 2012, of Section 1009.11.4, of the 2003 International Building Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code.

Question:

Does a handrail that has a 90 degree bend at the transition point of the sloping handrail to a horizontal rail along a landing, then slopes along the next flight of stairs as shown in the attached photo, meet the intent of the above mentioned code section?

Answer:

I have taken the liberty of discussing this issue with Robert Ross, State Fire Marshal, since the State Fire Safety Code has the same requirements for handrail continuity as the State Building Code. It has been determined that both of the above mentioned codes would allow the handrail detail with the 90 degree bend at the landing as shown in the attached photo.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact this office at (860) 685-8310.

