



BUILDING CODE TIPS

GUARDRAILS

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All unenclosed floor and roof openings, open and glazed sides of landings and ramps, balconies or porches which are more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade, or the floor below, and roofs used for other than service of building shall be protected by a guardrail. Guardrails shall not be less than 36 inches (914 mm) in height, except on stairways where they may be 34 inches (864 mm). Open guardrails and stair railings shall have intermediate rails or an ornamental pattern such that a sphere 4 inches (102 mm) in diameter cannot pass through.

