

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT FORM
FOR PROPOSED CODE CHANGES**
(This form must be submitted electronically)

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Proposed Code Change - Language

R311.7 Stairways. Alls stairways shall comply with this section.

Exception:

1. Stairs serving attics or crawl spaces.
2. Exterior stairs that are not in the path of travel from the dwelling to grade.
3. Stairs that only provide access to plumbing, mechanical, or electrical equipment.

Proposed Code Change – Need and Reason

There needs to be exceptions for stairs serving the locations above. Some of these locations were exempt by previous model codes. These are stairs that are very infrequently used but may be safer than a ladder if a proposed stair design is denied. This also clarifies the application of stair requirements to features such as decks. It is not currently clear in the code if a stair from a deck must meet stair requirements. This will cover that situation.

Proposed Code Change – Cost/Benefit Analysis

This proposal will reduce the cost of construction.

Other Factors to Consider Related to Proposed Code Change

1. Is this proposed code change meant to:

change language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).
2012 IRC section **R311.7**

change language contained in an existing amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, list Rule part(s).

delete language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).

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neither; this language will be new language, not found in the code book or in Minnesota Rule.

2. Is this proposed code change required by a Minnesota Statute or new legislation? If so, please provide the citation to the Statute or legislation.
No

3. Will this proposed code change impact other sections of a published code book or of an amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, please list the affected sections or rule parts.
No

4. Will this proposed code change impact other parts of the Minnesota State Building Code? If so, please list the affected parts of the Minnesota State Building Code.
No

5. Who are the parties affected or segments of industry affected by this proposed code change?
Code officials, building designers, contractors, building owners

6. Can you think of other means or methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed code change? If so, please explain what they are and why your proposed change is the preferred method or means to achieve the desired result.
No

7. Are you aware of any federal requirement or regulation related to this proposed code change? If so, please list the regulation or requirement.
No