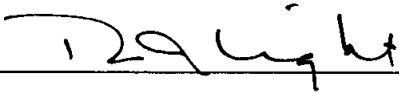


**BC BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE  
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<b>INTERPRETATION</b>		
Interpretation Date:	July 17, 2002	File No:  <b>98-0052</b>
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 1998	
Subject:	Stairs in <i>Industrial Occupancies</i>	
Keywords:	Stairs; Rise/Run; Industrial; Service Rooms/spaces	
Building Code Reference(s):	3.4.6.7; 3.3.1.13.	Page: 1 of 1
<b>Question:</b>		
What are the building code requirements applicable to the rise and run of stairs in <i>industrial occupancies</i> ?		
<b>Interpretation:</b>		
<p>Generally all stairs within the scope of Part 3 (with noted exceptions see also Article 3.3.1.13) are required to comply with the rise and run requirements of Sentence 3.4.6.7.(1). One noted exception in Sentence 3.3.1.13.(2) clarifies that stairs that serve <i>services rooms, services spaces</i> and in <i>industrial occupancies</i> are not required to comply with Sentence 3.3.1.13.(1) [and by cross-reference the rise and run requirements of Sentence 3.4.6.7.(1)] provided the stairs are intended only for occasional use for servicing equipment or machinery.</p> <p>It is recommended that good practise be followed in designing stairs in these <i>service or industrial</i> applications taking into consideration occupational health and safety.</p>		
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R.J. Light, Committee Chair		
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