



MAXIMUM: 36 square feet

- 1) Footing: All posts require a minimum 4" thick 8" X 16" concrete block. The minimum frost depth is 4" below ground. If pouring concrete the footing must be 6" thick.
- 2) Stoops may be constructed specifically to set ON the ground and thus not require footings. To qualify for this exception the base of all the posts need to be connected together with (minimum) treated 2" X 4" that bears in contact with the ground.
- 3) Lateral braces are required to provide stability for the stoop. These braces may be 2" X 4" nailed with galvanized fasteners to each post.
- 4) Stoop structure needs to be sufficient to support 40 lbs per square foot. The walking surface must be less than 8 ¼" below the door threshold into the house.
- 5) Guard-railings are required if the floor height is over 30" above the ground. This guard needs to be at least 36" high and provided for open sides of the stairs.
- 6) Guard-railing infill is required for required guard-railings. Vertical slats need to be no more than 4" between slats. Horizontal slats are spaces no more than 6" apart.
- 7) Hand-railings are required if the stairs have 4 or more risers (you step up 4 or more times from the ground to the walking surface). This handrail must be between 30" and 38" high, measured from tread nosing. Hand-rails may be no wider than 3 ½" and end at post, can not extend beyond.
- 8) Hand-railings for stairway over 30" high require infill the same as for guard-railings.
- 9) Stairs may be no more than 8 ¼" high between steps and not less than 9" deep. The risers may not be notched for the treads to less than 3 ½" thick.