WAC 296-24-76501 Terms. The following terms must have the meaning ascribed in this section when referred to in WAC 296-24-76503 through 296-24-76523 unless the context requires otherwise.

(1) **Handrail.** A single bar or pipe supported on brackets from a wall or partition to provide a continuous handhold for persons using a stair.

(2) **Nose, nosing.** That portion of a tread projecting beyond the face of the riser immediately below.

(3) **Open riser.** The air space between the treads of stairways without upright members (risers).

(4) **Platform.** An extended step or landing breaking a continuous run of stairs.

(5) **Railing.** A vertical barrier erected along exposed sides of stairways and platforms to prevent falls of persons. The top member of railing usually serves as a handrail.

(6) **Rise.** The vertical distance from the top of a tread to the top of the next higher tread.

(7) **Riser.** The upright member of a step situated at the back of a lower tread and near the leading edge of the next higher tread.

(8) **Stairs, stairway.** A series of steps leading from one level or floor to another, or leading to platforms, pits, boiler rooms, crossovers, or around machinery, tanks, and other equipment that are used more or less continuously or routinely by employees, or only occasionally by specific individuals. A series of steps and landings having three or more risers constitutes stairs or stairway.

(9) **Tread.** The horizontal member of a step.

(10) **Tread run.** The horizontal distance from the leading edge of a tread to the leading edge of an adjacent tread.

(11) **Tread width.** The horizontal distance from front to back of tread including nosing when used.

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