



***REUSE OF RESIDENTIAL STAIR AND DECK  
HANDRAILS AND GUARDRAILS***

This policy covers the reuse of existing handrails and guardrails when existing residential stairs and/or decks are repaired in the same location.

When an existing stair or deck is being repaired and the existing handrail and/or guardrail system needs to be removed as part of the repair, such existing stair and/or handrail system may be reused subject to the following conditions:

- The existing handrail and/or guardrail complied with the code at the time of original construction
- The handrails are a minimum 30 inches above the stair nosing
- The guardrails are a minimum 36 inches high
- The existing handrail and/or guardrail may be repaired as part of the work

If the handrail and/or guardrail assembly is being replaced with other than original materials and original methods of construction, then the new assembly shall comply with current code requirements.