

Visual Interpretation Of The
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2006 STAIR BUILDING CODE



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The SMA has participated in the model code development process since 1988. We support the International Code Council's development process through our membership and are recognized and respected for our responsible efforts at code reform and interpretation in addition to our trade and industry experience that we bring to the table. This experience and reputation is an asset to our continued efforts to provide safe stairways and reduce stairway accidents while allowing freedom of design, and aesthetic properties of preference.

In addition to our experience in the code development process we use the commentaries published by the International Code Council as a resource for each visual interpretation.

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