**Stairs Template Guide**

The template criteria provided below is a sample list of audit or inspection criteria that is potentially related to the operations at your organization. You may review the samples below and use them as jumping off points for creating custom audit or inspection templates in the SafetySkills Empower system. They may be used in their entirety without change or edited and expanded to suit the specific needs of your organization. Use of these criteria is entirely optional and to be used at your discretion.

Minimum checks: *see OSHA 29CFR1910.25 for additional requirements*

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| Are handrails, stair rail systems, or guardrail systems present on all stairways having four or more risers? |
| Are all stairways at least 22 inches wide? |
| Do stairs have at least 6 feet, 8 inches of overhead clearance? |
| Do stairs angle no more than 50 degrees and no less than 30 degrees from the horizontal? (<30° should be ramps, >50° should be ship style stairs, alternating tread type stairs or use of ladders) |
| Are risers on stair steps uniform, with no riser more than 9.5 inches? |
| Do stair treads have a uniform size, with a depth of no less than 9.5 inches? |
| Can each stair support at least five times the normal anticipated live load, but never less than a concentrated load of 1,000 pounds applied at any point? |
| Are stairway handrails 30-38 inches above the leading edge of stair treads? |
| Are stair rail systems 30 or 42 inches\* inches above the leading edge of stair treads? |
| \* Stair rail systems minimum height: installed before Jan. 1, 2018, is 30 inches, installed after Dec. 31, 2017, is 42 inches. |
| Do stairway handrails have at least 2.25 inches clearance between the handrail and any other object? |
| Are stairway handrails capable of withstanding a load of 200 pounds applied in any direction? |
| Where stairs or stairways exit directly into an area where vehicles may be operated, have you provided adequate barriers and warnings to prevent employees from stepping into traffic? |