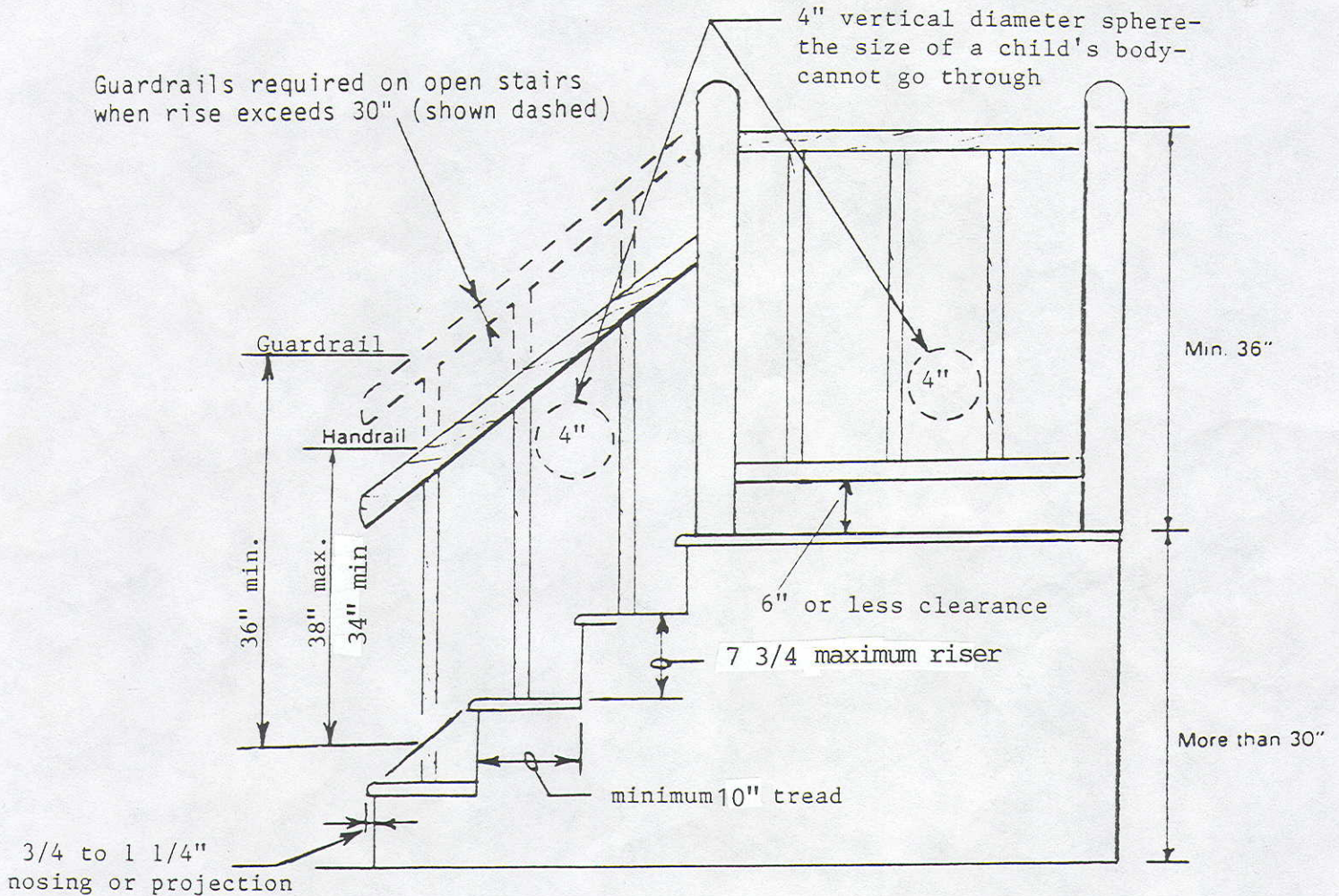


# Residential Stairways

Each year approximately 3,800 people die from stair accidents. Additionally, there are approximately 2.6 million stair-related injuries resulting in minor (usually temporary) disability that do not receive professional medical attention. The Building Code responds to these concerns with certain requirements for treads, risers, handrails and the spacing of guardrails:



Handrails are required on at least one side of stairway of three (3) or more risers. Handrails may project a maximum of 3 1/2" into the minimum 36" wide stairs.

All treads to be equal. (plus or minus 3/8") All risers to be equal. (plus or minus 3/8")