



Fire Marshall Rules

This letter is to clearly state the Orange County Fire Marshall's guidelines for the use of guardrails on all steps and open areas of docks including open spaces between boats.

The guardrail arrangement that the Orange County Fire Rescue Department most prefers is the aluminum guardrail/handrail with netting. This system is used on the steps, docks, and some of the open spaces between boats. located at 42" in height. Two strands of rope spaced evenly apart may be used for the remainder of the guardrail system.

A 42" high guardrail must be provided on both sides of all steps leading to docks or elevated platforms/boats. Steps leading to docks should be neither too steep nor have a tread depth that is too short. The industry standard as well as code requirement is a minimum tread depth of 11" and a maximum rise of 7".

Exhibitors that prefer to enclose their space must provide exit access points such that the maximum travel distance to reach an established aisle is 50 feet.