

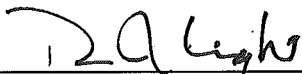
# BC BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE

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**INTERPRETATION**

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Interpretation Date:	June 17, 2014
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2012
Subject:	Travel distance along stair flights or ramps
Keywords:	Travel distance, stairs, ramps
Building Code Reference(s):	3.4.2.4., 9.9.8.1.
<b>Question:</b>	
	Should the travel distance along a flight of stairs or a ramp be measured as the horizontal dimension in plan view?
<b>Interpretation:</b>	
	No
	The travel distance along a flight of stairs or a ramp must be measured along the slope of the stair or ramp to replicate the actual distance that is traveled to reach an exit.
	
	R. J. Light, Committee Chair
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