

# STAIRWAY CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTIAL INSTALLATIONS

Due to an oversight, the revised regulation that adopted the 2006 codes for use in Pennsylvania did not contain one of the statutory requirements pertaining to residential stairway treads and risers (imposed by Act 13 of 2004). Although this requirement is not yet included in the approved UCC regulation, the statutory mandate took effect on Feb. 19, 2004 and must be complied with. The omitted requirement is as follows:

**In occupancies in Use Group R-3 and within dwelling units in occupancies in Use Group R-2, the maximum riser height shall be 8 1/4 inches (210 mm) and the minimum tread depth shall be 9 inches (229 mm). A 1-inch (25 mm) nosing shall be provided on stairways with solid risers.**

## **(Note)**

**There is an allowable increase in rise from 7 3/4" to 8 1/4".**

**There is an allowable decrease in the run from 10" to 9".**