## Basic Stair Layout

Preparation for NCCER Exam 27110-06

## Stair Shapes

- Narrow-U shaped stairway



## Geometrical Stairways

- Circular
- Elliptical
- Spiral



## Parts of a Stairway

- Cutout Stringer
- This:


Not this:


## Parts of a Stairway

- Riser



## Parts of a Stairway

- Treads



## Parts of a Balustrade

- Baluster
- Newell Post
- Handrail



## Parts of a Stairway

- Nose Return



## Parts of a Stair Trim

- Skirtboard
- (also called closed stringer, finish stringer,
- trim stringer)



## Parts of a Balustrade

- Baluster




## Headroom

- The minimum standard headroom for commercial use is $6^{\prime}-8^{\prime \prime}$.



## Making Calculations

- When building a stair with a total rise of $7^{\prime}-7^{\prime \prime}$, the number of risers required and their unit rise is $\mathbf{1 3}$ risers, each 7 " high.
- $7^{\prime}-7^{\prime \prime}=91^{\prime \prime} \quad$ (convert total rise to inches)
- $91 \div 7=13$ risers (divide by $7 "$ - the typical unit rise for stairs.)
(this gives the total number of rises)
- $91^{\prime \prime} \div 13=7 "$ each
(divide by the total number of rises)
(this gives you the unit rise)


## Making Calculations

- A stair with a total rise of 7' -7 " and a total run of $9^{\prime}-0$ ", with the stairwell header used as the last rise, requires 12 treads with a 9 " [unit] run.
- Rises
- $7^{\prime \prime}-7^{\prime \prime}=91^{\prime \prime}$
- $91 " \div 7=13$ rises
- $91^{\prime \prime} \div 13=7$ "
- 13 rises $=12$ treads
- Runs
- $9^{\prime}-0 "=108^{\prime \prime}$
- $108 \div 12=9$ "



## Stair Lay-Out

- When laying out a stringer using a framing square, the blade of the framing square represents the unit run, and the tongue represents the unit rise.


## Limitations

- The maximum rise for a set of stairs without a landing is typically $\mathbf{1 2}$ feet.



## Measurements

- Tread run (unit run) is measured from the face of one riser to the face of the next.


