

Main Street Memo: Stairs

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Straight Run with a landing.



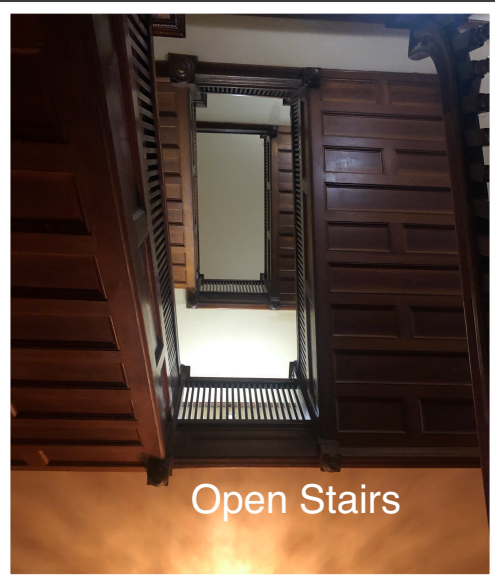
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Light Window (Indicator of stair well)



Read Chief Pronesti's article, "Main Street Optics, Part 2"



Open Stairs

Things to Know

- ▶ Main Street stairs come in many forms: most common is straight run. Can also see open and return.
- ▶ Often lack modern safety measures.
- ▶ Commonly require non-traditional, longer hose stretches for fire attack due to stair length, building height, access, etc.
- ▶ Basement stairs may be found interior (often "stacked," found below stairs to the second floor.) Or may have exterior access though such as through a bulkhead.
- ▶ Rear stair access may be inhibited by trash, cars, balconies, gates, etc.
- ▶ Familiarization with these buildings is key, common issues you see or radio traffic you hear is "can't find the stairs."