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Our Ramp Program – An Overview

The Southwestern Center for Independent Living (SWCIL) builds ramps and long-tread low-rise steps to provide easy access to a home. The ramps and stairs are modular and constructed using treated material. All screws, bolts and joist hangers meet specifications for use with treated material. Ground contact material is .60 treated. Modules are fastened together using 3/8" x 4" stainless steel bolts.

See picture of ramp on back of page.

Some Basics

- Landing at the door is not attached to the house.
- Posts are attached to 1' x 1' – 3/4" plywood pads which sit on top of the ground.

Guardrails

- The top guardrail (2x6 material) is placed 36" above the decking (measured to top of guard rail).
- The bottom guardrail is a 2 x 4 with the bottom guardrail 4" above the decking.
- Spindles are put on railings and spaced 3 1/2" apart.
- Graspable hand railings are used on sloped portions of the ramp – see picture on back.

SWCIL will check with local building official for permits. If building official has additional specifications, cost estimate will need to be recalculated.

Other specs:

All landings are built with 2"x6" joists - 12" O/C

Ramp modules are 42" wide with 2"x6" joists - 14" O/C

- Clear space with railings is 39"

2x6's are #1 material

Because modules are used, the ramp can be taken apart.

During the times of inclement weather the surface should be checked because the wood can become slippery or have ice formed which sticks to the surface.

If you need more specifications please call SWCIL at 1-800-422-1485 (V/TTY). Fax number is 1-507-532-2222.

This program is available in the following counties: Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock and Yellow Medicine.

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