

## SECTION 12

### STAIRCASES/RAMPS/LADDERS

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## 12.2 Internal Stairs

### Internal Stairs

There shall be a general circulation stair to access to all levels of the building to minimise the use of lifts. This circulation stair may be a fire isolated stair provided all access doors are controlled with magnetic hold open devices connected to the fire alarm system. The following points are to be considered in the design and placement of circulation stairs:

- Placement of stairs to maximise their visibility and use;
- Comply with the requirements of AS 1428.2;
- Design of stairs to be social spaces where conversations can occur;
- Design of stairs to act, where appropriate as natural ventilation shafts;
- Stairs shall be provided with natural light if possible.

Fire isolated stairs shall be provided to satisfy the requirements of the BCA and AS 1428.2.

These stairs may be fully enclosed within the building envelope, or may be open stairs external to the building façade.

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