

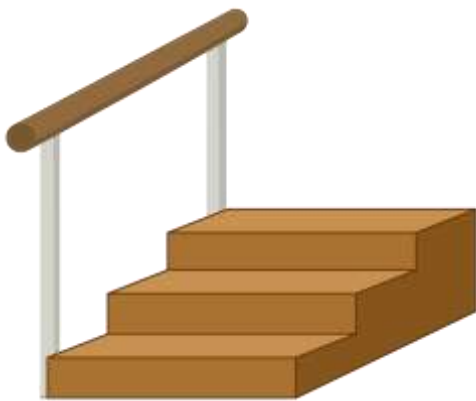
Hints and tips on purchasing a handrail

Handrails are useful when you need to hold onto something over a larger area than a grab rail could help with.

Remember to always use tradesmen with a good reputation or who have been recommended to you.

There are several things to consider before purchasing a handrail:

- > The type of handrail you need – Rails are attached either from the wall to the floor, or from the floor to the floor. This depends on the environment.



Floor to floor rail



Wall to floor rail

- > Whether you need a handrail on one or both sides of your steps/path. (E.g. If you are unable to grip well with one hand, you may need to have a rail on both sides).
- > Think about if there are any paths where you might need to extend the rail so that you can hold on as you walk along the path.
- > If the handrail is to help you manage some steps, make sure that the steps are not crumbling.