

Proposed revision of Claim 1 (changes underlined)

1. A staircase for providing access to a building comprising two or more spaced-apart support stringers between which treads of steps are supported, wherein each support stringer is constructed from two or more stringer sections which are adapted to be connected together to form a support stringer of desired length, each of said stringer sections has a guard rail section rigidly secured thereto comprising spindles connected at their lower ends and bolted to a tread or go support member of the stringer section and connected at their upper ends by a banister rail and each guard rail section is rigidly connected to the guard rail section adjacent thereto by bolting together adjacent spindles to strengthen the stringer.