8. Handrails

Repeat checklist for external and internal ramps, steps and stairs

8.1 Are handrails provided in conjunction with a change in level? [ ]

8.2 Is the handrail profile easy to grip and comfortable to use? [ ]
- Does it provide forearm support?
- Are there suitable cross-section dimensions?
- Is there adequate clearance from support wall or bracket?

8.3 Are the handrails positioned at a suitable height? [ ]
- Are they above the ramp slopes and steps?
- Are they above the landing surfaces?

8.4 Are the handrails continuous along ramp slopes, stair flights and intermediate landings? [ ]

8.5 Do they extend beyond the top and bottom of the slope or flight? [ ]

8.6 Are the open ends of handrails turned to the horizontal position to indicate transition to the landing? [ ]
- Are the handrail ends designed to reduce the risk of clothing being caught?

8.7 Are the handrail supports positioned to enable a person to run their hand along the full length of the rail? [ ]
- Are the supports sufficiently robust?

8.8 Is there an additional lower handrail for children and people of short stature? [ ]

8.9 Is the handrail surface suitable and not cold to the touch? [ ]

8.10 Does the handrail surface visually contrast with the background? [ ]
- Is it non-reflective?

8.11 Are the balustrades to ramps and landings sufficiently robust to withstand impact from powered wheelchairs and scooters?   [   ]

General observations:

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