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PART II

SAFETY (GENERAL PROVISIONS).

25 Construction and maintenance of floors, passages and stairs.

- (1) All floors, steps, stairs, passages and gangways shall be of sound construction and properly maintained.
- (2) For every staircase in a building or affording a means of exit from a building, a substantial handrail shall be provided and maintained, which, if the staircase has an open side shall be on that side, and, in the case of a staircase having two open sides, or in the case of a staircase which, owing to the nature of the construction thereof or the condition of the surface of the steps or other special circumstances, is specially liable to cause accidents, such a hand-rail shall be provided and maintained on both sides. Any open side of a staircase shall also be guarded by the provision and maintenance of a lower rail or other effective means.
- (3) All openings in floors shall be securely fenced, except in so far as the nature of the work renders such fencing impracticable.
- (4) All ladders shall be soundly constructed and properly maintained.