

## Staircase Terminology

### Base rail

The base rail sits on the string and the spindles or panels are fixed onto it.

### Bullnose

A Bullnose is a radius from one corner of the step to the other, which created a feature on the tread.

### Curtil

Is a feature step which has a much bigger radius than the other steps, creating a feature bottom step.

### Going

The going of a flight of stairs is the horizontal distance between the face of the first and last risers.

### Handrail

The handrail is used for support in climbing the stairs. A handrail can be continuous or wall mounted.

### Newel Post

This is the upright post which sits at the bottom or top of your staircase, which secures the balustrade and handrail.

### Riser

A stair riser is the vertical element in a staircase, forming the space between one step and the next.

### Rise

This is an individual element of the above.

### Staircase Carcass

This is the main body of your staircase, minus the balustrade.



### Staircase Balustrade

A balustrade is the safety element of your staircase, enclosing both sides of the staircase with either timber, metal or glass.

### String or Stringer

Is the panel on either side of a flight of stairs to which the treads and risers are fixed. This can be shaped to follow the treads and risers to create what is known as a cut string.

### Tread

A stair tread is the horizontal portion of a set of stairs on which you would walk.