



**RESNA**  
**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS BOARD**  
**STANDARDS COMMITTEE ON**  
**EMERGENCY STAIR TRAVEL DEVICES**  
**FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

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The Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) Assistive Technical Standards Board (ATSB) has approved the formation of a **Standards Committee on Emergency Stair Travel Devices for Individuals with Disabilities**. The ATSB approved the formation of the Standards Committee at the RESNA Annual Conference, held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

RESNA is an interdisciplinary association of individuals with a common interest in technology and disability. RESNA's 1,400 members include engineers, therapists, researchers, educators, and consumers.

RESNA is uniquely qualified to begin the work of standards development in this area. The RESNA ATSB has been active in the development of performance standards and testing methods for Assistive Technology devices since RESNA's inception in 1980. RESNA is a standards developing organization, as accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and the two organizations have a demonstrated history of collaborative standards work. ANSI is the official U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standards (ISO). The RESNA ATSB is the U.S. Technical Advisory Group for ANSI for the development of ISO standards pertaining to Assistive Technology and other products for individuals with disabilities.

The RESNA Standards Committee on Emergency Stair Travel Devices for Individuals with Disabilities will be formed with representation from a wide variety of constituent groups, including:

- Consumers
- Designers
- Rehabilitation Engineers / Clinicians
- Manufacturers
- Life Safety Professionals
- Code Development Personnel
- Government / Code Enforcement Representatives
- Researchers

The RESNA Standards Committee on Emergency Stair Travel Devices for Individuals with Disabilities will be led by Glenn Hedman, PE, CPE, ATP, RET. Mr. Hedman is a Rehabilitation Engineer who has worked since 1983 in clinical and research settings regarding Assistive Technology and the built environment.

For more information on the RESNA Standards Committee on Emergency Stair Travel Devices for Individuals with Disabilities, please contact Mr. Hedman via the information below.

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