

Example 10 – Falls Associated with Stairs and Steps

This row of pre-1919 terraced houses is raised above the ground on what was originally the side of a hill. All properties have steps rising up to them and a short concrete path to the front door. None of the properties have a handrail to the steps. This particular property has steps of irregular riser height and tread depth.

The child in the property has already fallen down the steps and gashed his head open; a visitor has fallen up them.





HHSRS V2 SCORING SHEET

DWELLING House or flat **hse flat** HMO **Non HMO** Age of dwelling **Pre 1920** 20-45 46-79 80+

HAZARD & No **Falls on Stairs** **21** Item/s **Disrepair to front steps**

LIKELIHOOD

5600	3200	1800	1000	560	320	180	100	56	32	18	10	6	3	2	1
<4200	2400	1300	750	420	240	130	75	42	24	13	7.5	4	2.5	1.5	>

Justification

Poorly lit area
No handrails
Uneven risers
Loose slabs

		<0.05	0.15	0.3	0.7	1.5	3	7	15	26	38			
OUTCOMES	Class I	0	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.0	2.2	4.6	10.0	21.5	31.6	46.4		Class IV
	Class II	0	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.0	2.2	4.6	10.0	21.5	31.6	46.4		100-(I+II+III)
	Class III	0	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.0	2.2	4.6	10.0	21.5	31.6	46.4		56.2
		<0.05	0.15	0.3	0.7	1.5	3	7	15	26	38			

Justification

Concrete steps – hard surface to land on
Close proximity to road
External stairs therefore colder weather and elderly more likely to suffer worse harm

RATING

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
<5000	2000	1000	500	200	100	50	20	10	>

Score (if calculated) **4204**

Enforcement Action:

The group agreed that they would serve an improvement notice on the property in question, and serve hazard awareness notice on all adjacent properties with similar steps at the front.