

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR BASEMENT RECREATION ROOM**

1. Minimum 6'-10" ceiling height required.
2. Walls – Framing =  $\frac{3}{4}$ " furring strips, nailed to block wall, or 2" x 2" studs nailed to wall, or 2" x 4" studs independent of block or concrete walls.
3. Insulation – Any form of plastic insulation must be covered with 15-minute thermal barrier material.
4. Electrical outlets and lighting must be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code.
5. Plumbing must be installed to meet Plumbing Code.
6. A handrail must be installed on open side of stairs, or if a closed stairway, the railing can be applied to either side. The handrail height shall be at least 30", but not more than 38" above the nose of the tread. Spindles on open stairs must not be further apart than 4". Handrails and guardrails must be able to withstand a 200 lb. load applied in any direction.
7. Heating and Ventilation: Area must be capable of being heated to 70 F. If auxiliary heaters are used, they must be installed in compliance with heating, ventilation and air-conditioning standards. (Chapter – ILHR 23)
8. NO SLEEPING ALLOWED IN THIS AREA – (SEE information sheet for basement OCCUPIED (bedrooms) rooms).