



What's Wrong with This Picture ? Casualty Safety

Entrance doors at raised relocatable classrooms present unique problems. Fall from a raised floor is the primary concern and having existing prefabricated steps may present immediate problems. Look at the picture and you can see a number of dangerous conditions. A required landing at the top of the steps or ramp is not provided. How are you supposed to open the door from inside or outside safely? Where are handrails and guardrails? Notice the tripping hazards at the door sill where the top step is not level with the floor and the threshold hangs over the top of the steps.

Also notice another existing hazard created by a raised floor. The open space under the relocatable creates a crawl space intended for access for maintenance and structural purposes only. A metal skirt has been added to seal off the open space but it is not firmly attached and the sharp edge of the top of the skirt is exposed. Unfortunately children playing in the area, workers, or even intruders who have no business being there, could hurt themselves and the district could be considered at fault.

These are all violations that must be corrected as soon as possible and cited in annual safety inspections.