Types of protection or support required for exterior stairs:

3-STORY OR LESS.
Requires 1-hr fire resistive walls

4-STORY OR MORE.
Requires 2-hr fire resistive walls and ¾-hr protection for all openings within 10ft of the complete length of the stairs.

Fire escape stairs must be structurally supported to the ground, or documentation maintained of successful inspection by a Kansas licensed architect or engineer updated every five years.