



# DECK FINAL CHECK LIST

1. Is deck ledger board bolted to house with 7/16" lag bolt and washer in each joist space?
2. Are all joist hangers fully nailed with **galvanized joist hanger nails** in every hole?
3. If deck surface is over 30" above grade, is your guardrail at least 36" high?
4. If deck surface is over 30" above grade are all openings **LESS** than 4"?
5. Is the top of your stairway handrail between 34" and 38" high measures at stair nosing?
6. If your stairway has 4 or more risers do you have a handrail on at least one side?
7. Stairways more than 30" above grade requires 36" guardrails on **BOTH** sides, with spacing **LESS** than 4"
8. Stairways must be hung with steel hangers, straps, or treated plywood.
9. Are all risers the same height, and not more than 7 3/4" ?
10. Are all stair tread runs at least 10"?
11. Is the deck ledger board properly flashed where it meets the siding?
12. Are all the nails, screws, fasteners and hardware galvanized?
13. Is all lumber either treated or of a species resistant to decay? (I.e. cedar, redwood etc)
14. Are all cantilevers a maximum of 24" overhang?
15. Are all joists, beams, posts and footings as per the approved plan?

Although this list is not all-inclusive, it does contain the most common reasons for deck final inspection failures. If you check all of these items before you schedule your inspection, you will greatly increase your chances of passing with flying colors.

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