



Building Guide

Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council

Single Family Residential Uncovered Decks and Porches

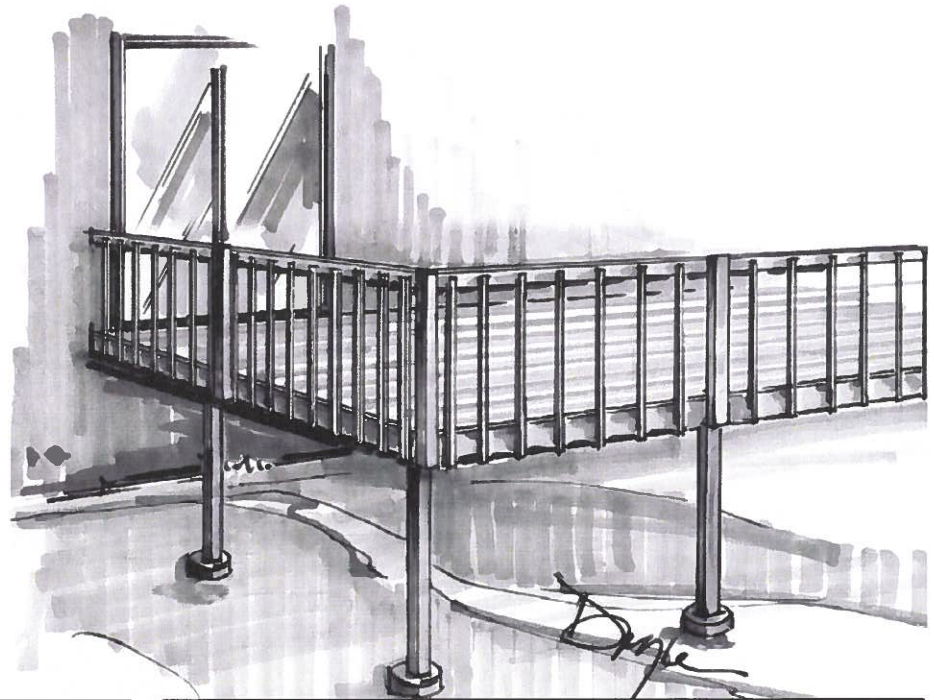
How to Use this Guide

Check with your jurisdiction regarding type of submittal (paper or electronic) and for additional requirements. Draw to scale and complete the following (hint: use graph paper with $\frac{1}{4}$ " squares. Example: $\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1').

- 1. Complete this Building Guide** by filling in the blanks on page three, and indicating which construction details will be used.
- 2. Provide Plot Plan** (site plan) showing dimensions of your project or addition and its relationship to existing buildings or structures on the property and the distance to existing property lines drawn to scale. See page 2.
- 3. Fill out a building permit application.**

The majority of permit applications are processed with little delay. The submitted documents will help determine if the project is in compliance with building safety codes, zoning ordinances and other applicable laws.

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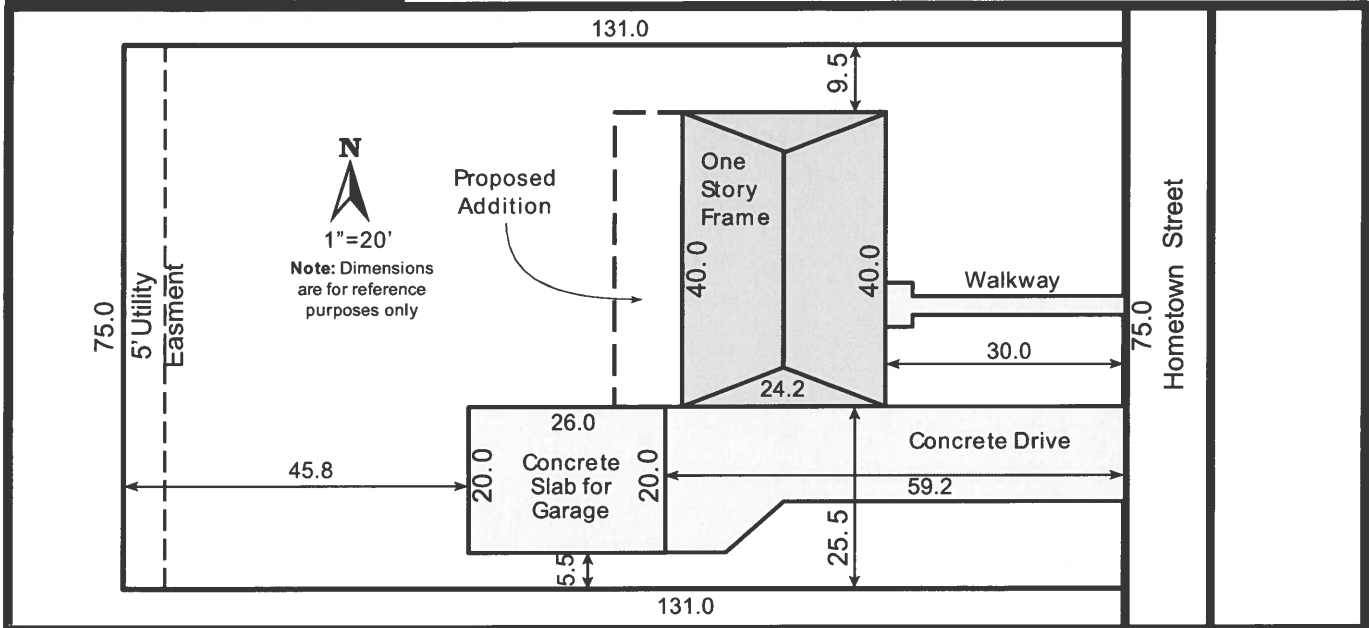
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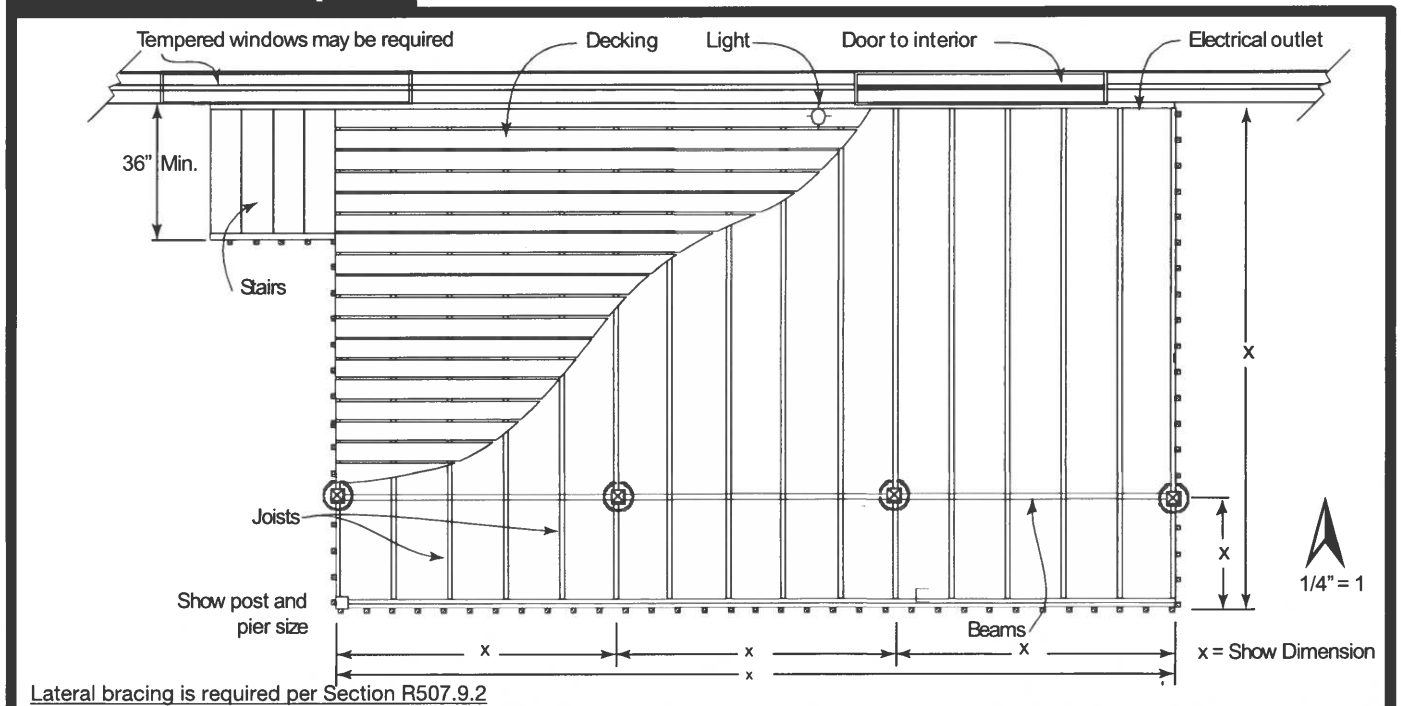
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Note: A plot plan (plan view) showing the dimensions of your project or additions and its relationships to existing buildings or structures on the property must be included. In addition to project dimensions, your plot plan must also show other details such as post locations and spacing, joist and beam spans, and any other pertinent information not shown on the section drawing.

Site Plan Example



Plan View Example



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Directions

1. Fill in the blanks. Please print legibly.
2. Indicate in the check box which detail from page 6 will be used.

Address: _____

Size and Spacing of Lag Bolts
(example: Two rows 1/2"x 4 1/2" lags @ 16" O.C.)
See Table 1

Deck Section

Existing bldg.

Electrical outlet required on decks

Approved flashing required

36" high guard with balusters spaced so that a 4 inch diameter sphere cannot pass through

Beam splices to occur over posts with 1 1/2" bearing

Attach decking with non corrosive fasteners

Check one

☐ Detail B

☐ Alternate Detail B1

☐ Alternate Detail B2

(see page 6)

Detail A
(see page 6)

Conditions such as attachment to cantilevers require Engineer's approval

Span

6 Ft. 8 in. min. (see note)

Detail C
(see page 6)

Finished Grade

Note: Emergency escape windows are allowed to be installed under decks and porches provided the location of the deck allows the emergency escape window to be fully opened and provides a path not less than 36" in height to a yard or court. 6'8" required for walk out basements or patios.

below frost depth check with your jurisdiction

Type of decking _____ X _____ - _____
(example: 1 x 4 or 2 x 6 or Trex)

2x _____ joists spaced _____" apart
(example: 2 x 10" spaced 24" apart) *See Table 2*

() _____ x _____ beam
(example: (2) 2 x 10 - see detail B) *See Table 3*

Wood Species:
(example: Western Cedar or Southern Yellow Pine)

x _____ posts spaced _____ apart
(example: 4 x 4 posts spaced 8' apart)
Post height _____ *see Table 4*

Span _____
(example: 13' - 4")

Type of exterior wall covering
(example: siding, brick, stucco)

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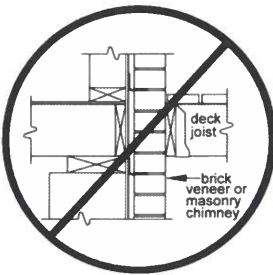
Table 1 Ledger connection

NOTE: Contact your local jurisdiction where snow loads exceed 40 psf.

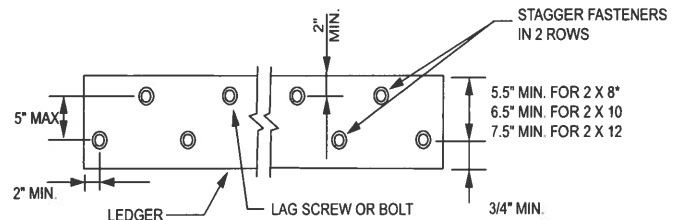
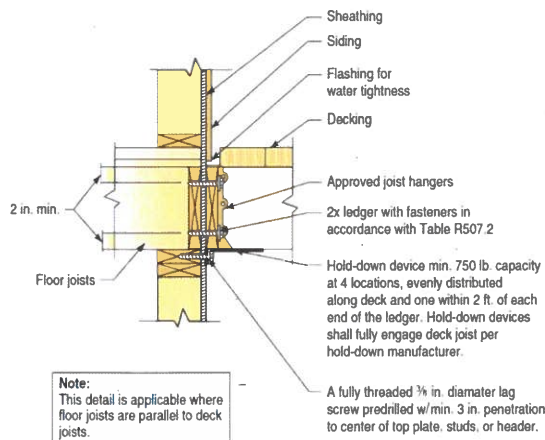
Ledger Connection to rim joist

Deck live load = 40psf; Snowload = 40psf; Dead load = 10 psf

CONNECTION DETAILS	JOIST SPAN						
	6' and less	6'1" to 8'	8'1" to 10'	10'1" to 12'	12'1" to 14'	14'1" to 16'	16'1" to 18'
	On-center spacing of fasteners						
1/2 -inch diameter lag screw with 1/2 -inch maximum sheathing	30	23	18	15	13	11	10
1/2 -inch diameter bolt with 1/2 maximum sheathing	36	36	34	29	24	21	19
1/2-inch diameter bolt with 1-inch maximum sheathing	36	36	29	24	21	18	16



Ledger minimum size 2x8 pressure treated HF, DF or SP #2 or better; shall not be supported by stone or masonry veneer or be attached to a cantilevered floor.



LAGSREWS AND BOLTS LOCATION IN DECK LEDGERS AND RIM JOISTS

MINIMUM END AND EDGE DISTANCES AND SPACING BETWEEN ROWS				
	TOP EDGE	BOTTOM EDGE	ENDS	ROW SPACING
Ledger	2 inches	3/4 inch	2 inches	1 -5/8 inches
Band Joist	3/4 inch	2 inches	2 inches	1 -5/8 inches

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Table 2 - Wood Joist simple span

Maximum Live Load or Ground Snow Load 40psf, Maximum Dead Load 10psf
deflection L/360 Main span; L/180 cantilever

WOOD SPECIES grade # 2 or better	JOIST SIZE	MAXIMUM JOIST SPAN			MAXIMUM CANTILEVER		
		SPACING OF DECK JOISTS (inches)			SPACING OF DECK JOISTS WITH CANTILEVERS (inches)		
	Simple Span	12 on center	16 on center	24 on center	12 on center	16 on center	24 on center
Southern pine	2x6	9-11	9-0	7-7	1-3	1-4	1-6
	2x8	13-1	11-10	9-8	2-1	2-3	2-5
	2x10	16-2	14-0	11-5	3-4	3-6	2-10
	2x12	18-0	16-6	13-6	4-6	4-2	3-4
Douglas fir- larch, hem- fir, spruce-pine-fir	2x6	9-6	8-8	7-2	1-2	1-3	1-5
	2x8	12-6	11-1	9-1	1-11	2-1	2-3
	2x10	15-8	13-7	11-1	3-1	3-5	2-9
	2x12	18-0	15-9	12-10	4-6	3-11	3-3

Other Wood Species are subject to review by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)

Table 3 - Wood Beam simple span

Maximum Live Load or Ground Snow Load 40psf, Maximum Dead Load 10psf
deflection L/360 Main span; L/180 cantilever

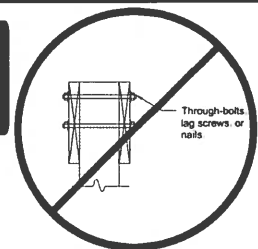
WOOD SPECIES grade #2 or better	SIZE	DECK JOIST SPAN (ft-in) LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO:						
		6	8	10	12	14	16	18
Southern pine	(2)-2x8	8-9	7-7	6-9	6-2	5-9	5-4	5-0
	(2)-2x10	10-4	9-0	8-0	7-4	6-9	6-4	6-0
	(2)-2x12	12-2	10-7	9-5	8-7	8-0	7-6	7-0
	(3)-2x8	10-10	9-8	8-6	7-9	7-2	6-8	6-4
	(3)-2x10	13-0	11-3	10-0	9-2	8-6	7-11	7-6
	(3)-2x12	15-3	13-3	11-10	10-9	10-0	9-4	8-10
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	3 x 10 or (2)- 2 x 10	8-4	7-5	6-6	5-11	5-6	5-1	4-8
	3 x 12 or (2)- 2 x 12	9-8	8-5	7-6	6-10	6-4	5-11	5-7
	4x6	6-5	5-6	4-11	4-6	4-2	3-11	3-5
	4x8	8-5	7-3	6-6	5-11	5-6	5-2	4-10
	4x10	9-11	8-7	7-8	7-0	6-6	6-1	5-8
	4 x 12	11-5	9-11	8-10	8-1	7-6	7-0	6-7
	(3)-2x8	9-8	8-6	7-7	6-11	6-5	6-0	5-8
	(3)-2x10	12-0	10-5	9-4	8-6	7-10	7-4	6-11
	(3)-2x12	13-11	12-1	10-9	9-10	9-1	8-6	8- 1

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Table 4 - Wood Post

Deck Wood Post		Live Load 40 psf			
Deck post size		4x4	4x6	6x6	8x8
Maximum height		6'-9"	8'	14'	14'

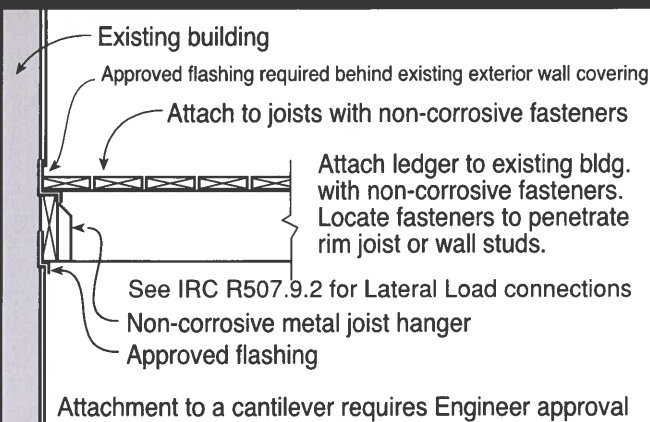
Use of engineered lumber is
not covered by this guide.



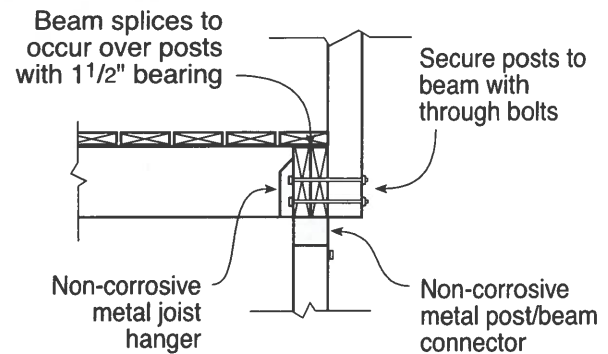
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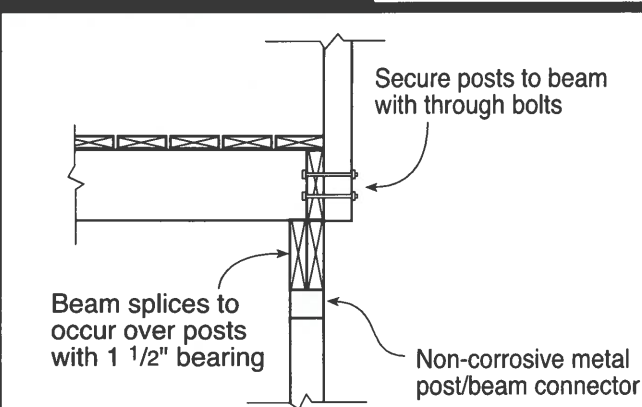
Detail A



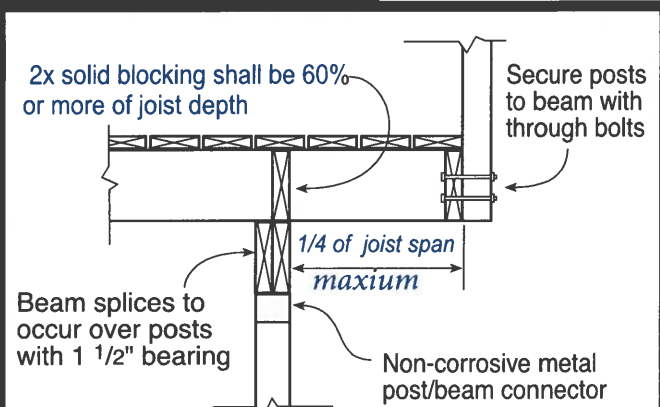
Detail B



Alternate Detail B1

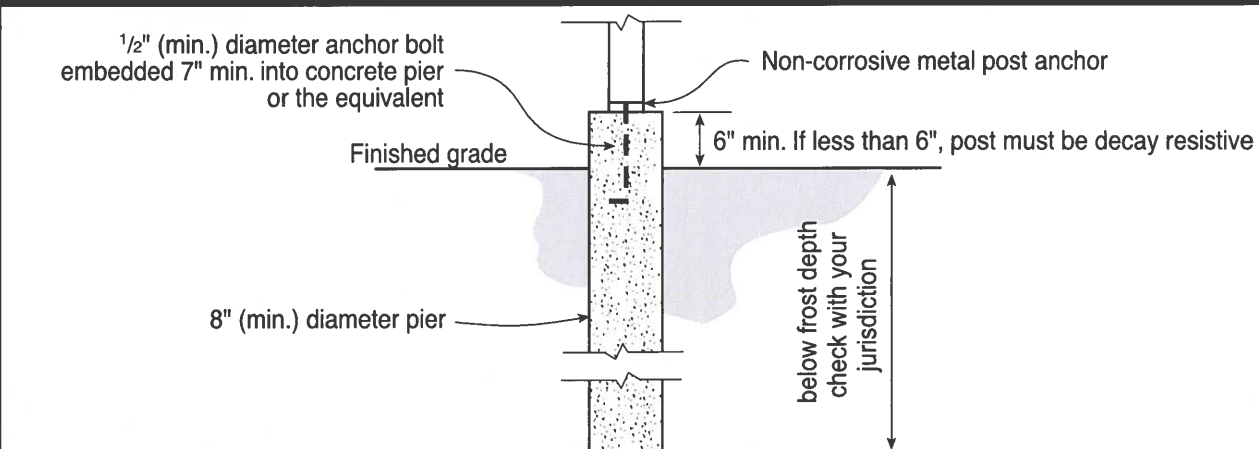


Alternate Detail B2



Detail C

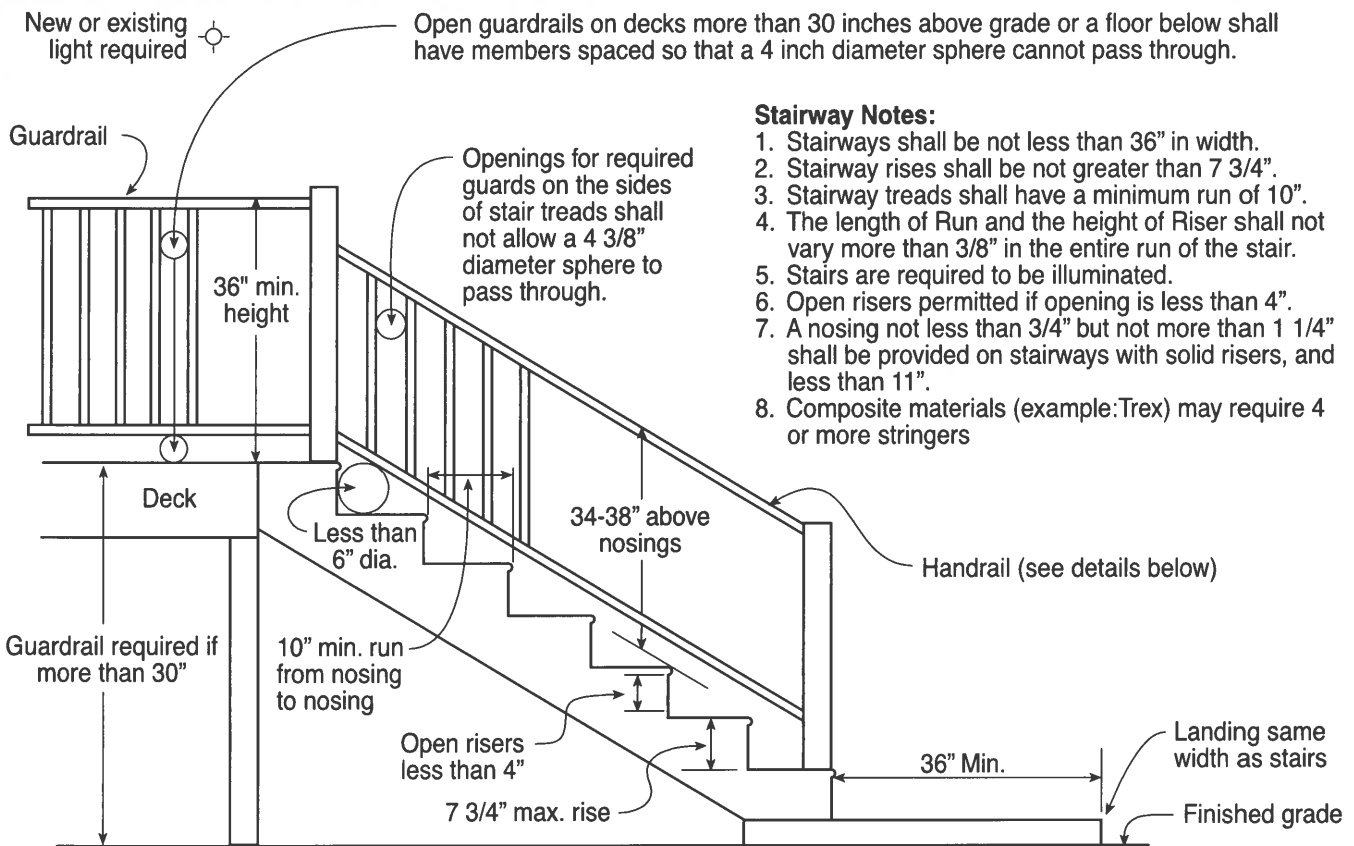
Consult with your Local Jurisdiction for special connector requirements in high wind areas.



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Stair & Handrail Specifications



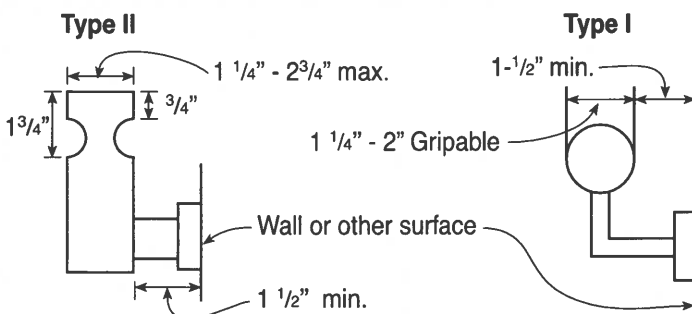
Stairway Notes:

1. Stairways shall be not less than 36" in width.
2. Stairway rises shall be not greater than 7 3/4".
3. Stairway treads shall have a minimum run of 10".
4. The length of Run and the height of Riser shall not vary more than 3/8" in the entire run of the stair.
5. Stairs are required to be illuminated.
6. Open risers permitted if opening is less than 4".
7. A nosing not less than 3/4" but not more than 1 1/4" shall be provided on stairways with solid risers, and less than 11".
8. Composite materials (example: Trex) may require 4 or more stringers

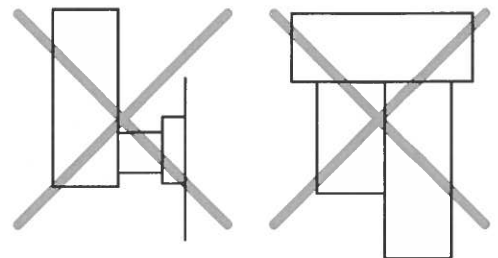
Handrail Notes:

1. Handrails shall be continuous on at least one side of stairs with 4 or more risers.
2. Top of the handrails shall be placed not less than 34 inches nor more than 38 inches above stair nosings.
3. The handgrip portion of handrails shall be not less than 1-1/4 inches nor more than 2 1/4 inches in cross section for non circular handrails.
4. Handrails shall be placed not less than 1-1/2 inches from any wall or other surface.
5. Handrails to be returned to wall, post or safety terminal (per 311.7.8.4 IRC)

Acceptable Handrail Details



Unacceptable Handrails



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Deck & Patio Cover Inspection Request

(Also Includes Pergolas, Gazebos, Shade Structure, Sheds, etc....)

The following inspections are required:

1. Caissons/ Footings – open hole before filled with concrete
2. Structural Frame and safety glazing IRC 308 – after columns, joists, beams, ledger, and connections have all been completed per the approved plans.

If the deck is built over an existing basement window or window well(s) that have not been noted on the plans, then:

- a. The framed opening shall be the same size or slightly larger than the window well clear opening and all framing members shall be doubled with appropriate connections.
- b. The opening cover must be made to provide for natural light, ventilation and egress requirements. A metal grate with sufficient openings and strength shall be allowed (no decking material).

3. Final Building and safety glazing IRC 308 – after decking /handrails /guardrails/roof coverings e.t.c. have been installed.

Decks-any electrical installed on/within a deck will require a separate electrical permit obtained and all inspections approved, rough and final.

Patio Covers-if there is electrical indicated on your plans for lights, fans, outlets, etc... then no additional permits are required. If any electrical is added after the issuance of the patio cover permit, then a separate permit must be obtained and all required inspections completed.

To schedule an inspection visit <https://prkc-trk.aspgov.com/eTRAKiT/>

You will need to provide the following information:

1. Contractor/Public user ID and password
2. Click on My Dashboard
3. Click on the Permit number
4. Click on the date of the inspection request
5. Click on the type of inspection

Inspections scheduled before 4PM will be performed the next business day, unless otherwise requested.

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NOTE: **HOMEOWNER** only projects may request a three-hour window

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