



Uncovered Deck - Final Building

Request this inspection when an uncovered deck is constructed, and the work is complete.

Prepare

Learn about [how to prepare for your inspection](#).

Check

The following are the most common items that are audited during this inspection. This list is not exhaustive. Compliance with the applicable codes and standards is required.

- The Building Permit is on-site and for review of the dimensional requirements in the [Deck Design Guide](#)
- Ledger bolted connection to the house
- Joist hangers installed with hanger fasteners (not deck screws, roofing or common nails)
- Beams fully supported by posts and posts centred on blocks, footings or piles
- Cantilever in range for joist and beam dimensions
- Decking material per plan (appropriate joist spacing for composite decking)
- Guards are installed where the deck is:
 - more than 600mm (24") high,
 - adjacent a surface within 1.2 m of the deck walking surface that is sloping away at a rate steeper than 1:2 (~30 degrees), or
 - adjacent a vertical drop within 1.2m that results in a total drop exceeding 600 mm, such as a deck above a retaining wall
 - Guard spindles with gaps of a maximum of 100mm (4")
- Handrails are installed on stairs with more than 3 risers
- Stairs have uniform rise and run
- Fixed benches resulting in a bench walk surface higher than 60cm above the finished ground require a backrest of a minimum 36" above the seat to function like a guard