



Planning & Development Department  
 Building and Safety Division  
 E3 Inspection Program

# EXTERIOR ELEVATED ELEMENTS INSPECTION PROGRAM INSPECTION CERTIFICATION

**This certification must be completed by a licensed or certified professional.** Submit this certification via email to [e3@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:e3@berkeleyca.gov) or by mail to Exterior Elevated Elements (E3) Program at 1947 Center Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704.

**PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

**Building Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year Built** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Units** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Property Owner Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Type of professional:**

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Contractor | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Engineer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector, ICC B5 Certified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architect          | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Official, ICC CB Certified  |

Name of Licensed Professional: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Building Type: (Select one)**

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment House  | <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregate/Boarding/Dormitory/Fraternity/Sorority  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Such as Live/work, Tenants in Common, Clubhouse, Convent, Residential Assisted Living Facility) |                                      |

**VERIFICATION BY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL:**

- Wood-framed or steel-framed exterior elements elevated more than six feet above adjacent grade EXIST at the subject building. Check all that apply

**Elements:**

- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balconies/Decks | <input type="checkbox"/> Stairways/Landings | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardrails/Handrails | <input type="checkbox"/> Walkways/Terraces |
|--|---|---|--|

**Materials:**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Sawn Lumber    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineered Lumber | <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Treated Wood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Naturally Durable Wood | <input type="checkbox"/> Steel             |  |

At the time of my inspection on \_\_\_\_\_,

All elevated wood-framed and steel-framed decks, balconies, landings, stairway systems, walkways, terraces, guardrails, handrails, or any parts thereof in weather-exposed areas at the subject building did not exhibit signs of deterioration, decay, corrosion or similar damage that could pose a safety concern and there was no evidence of active water intrusion in concealed spaces of the inspected elements.

Corrective Work is required.  Yes will need a permit.  No permit is required.

Briefly describe work and locations: \_\_\_\_\_

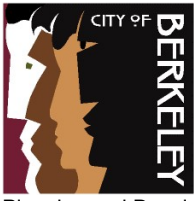
If the box is checked indicating that corrective work is required, apply for a permit within 120 days of the date on this form, respond to plan check comments within 10 days of the date of the correction letter, obtain a building permit within 10 days of notification of plan approval and complete all work within 120 days of permit approval.

If corrective work has been completed or is underway, please provide the permit number if a permit was approved:

**Permit #** \_\_\_\_\_  **Yes received final inspection from Building and Safety**  **Not finalized.**

Signature of Licensed Professional indicated above \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed



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## **Exterior Elevated Elements Inspection Requirements for Balconies, Stairways, Decks, Walkways and other Exterior Elevated Elements**

The Berkeley Housing Code requires inspection and certification of weather-exposed elements elevated more than six feet above adjacent grade.

As the property owner, you must either hire a licensed or certified professional to inspect and submit the Inspection Certification for your property or complete the Exemption Declaration if the Berkeley Housing Code inspection and certification requirements for exterior elevated elements do not apply to your property. This requirement applies to all buildings with exterior elevated elements containing three or more dwelling units as defined in the most recent edition of the California Building Code and identified below. Go to [www.berkeleyca.gov](http://www.berkeleyca.gov) (search *Exterior Elevated Elements*) for answers to Frequently Answered Questions (FAQs) and periodic updates regarding program requirements and deadlines.

**What is the Inspection Requirement?** The City of Berkeley requires property owners to have all projecting exterior elevated wood and metal decks, balconies, landings, stairway systems, guardrails, handrails, or any parts thereof inspected by a licensed general contractor, licensed architect or engineer, or certified building inspector or building official verifying that the elements are in a general safe condition, adequate working order, and do not exhibit signs of deterioration, decay, corrosion or similar damage that could pose a safety concern and there is no evidence of active water intrusion in concealed spaces of the inspected elements.

**Does the Inspection Requirement apply to my building?** Yes, if your building is a residential building containing three or more dwelling or sleeping units with exterior elevated elements listed below:

- Apartment houses, tenants in common and live/work units
- Common interest development (Condominium)
- Dormitories, fraternities, sororities, convents and monasteries
- Hotels, motels and vacation timeshare properties, boarding houses and congregate residences (transient with more than 10 occupants and non-transient with more than 16 occupants)
- Residential Assisted Living Facilities and Social Rehabilitation Residential Facilities

**Why do I have to submit the Exemption Declaration if the Inspection Requirement does not apply to my building?** The Exemption Declaration is needed to inform the City the requirement does not apply to your building and for you to avoid potential penalties.

**Enforcement for Failure to Comply:** Code enforcement proceedings under BMC Chapter 19.40 will be initiated against property owners who do not file an Inspection Certification or complete corrective work within the established timeframe. If corrective work is required, owners must apply for a permit within 120 days of the date of the certification, respond to plan check comments within 10 days of the date of the correction letter, obtain a building permit within 10 days of notification of plan approval and complete all work within 120 days of permit approval.

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