Residential Deck Specifications

DECK GUARDS	
Guards are required if the floor is 30 inches or more off the ground.	
Openings shall be sized so a 4 inch sphere will not pass through.	
Floor Joist Clear Span –	
Floor Joist Size –	
Floor Joist Species of Lumber - Ponderosa Pine Southern Yellow Pine Other	
Floor Joist Spacing	
Deck Floor Material	
Carrier/Beam Species of Lumber - Ponderosa Pine - Southern Yellow Pine Other	Note: Unless species of lumber is specified Ponderosa
Is the Deck Attached to the House – Yes - No -	
Post Size	
Post Spacing Feet Inches	
Footing Depth Below Grade Inches	
Footings - Width Height	

Deck Stairways

Stairways shall not be less than 36 inches in clear width. The maximum riser height shall be 8 ¼ inches and the minimum tread depth shall be 9 inches.

Deck Stairway Handrails

All required handrails shall be continuous the full length of stairways with 3 or more risers on at least 1 side of stairways. Handrails shall be placed not less that 34 inches or more than 38 inches above the nosing of the treads. The handgrip portion of handrails shall have a circular cross section of 1 ¼ inches minimum to 2 5/8 inches maximum. Other handrail shapes that provide an equivalent grasping surface are permissible. Edges shall have a minimum radius of 1/8 inch. Open sides of stairs with a total rise of more than 30 inches above the floor or grade below shall have guards not less than 34 inches in height measured vertically from the nosing of the treads.

Appendix D