

Exterior decking punch checklist

Exterior decking punch is where small misses become callbacks after the crew has demobilized. This checklist walks the finished work the way the owner and the next trade will see it, with the photo that closes each item instead of a note that reopens it. Work is commonly verified against the applicable building code, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The deck crew on a callback, or the GC's superintendent clearing deck punch items before turnover. When: During closeout, after the deck has been used and after the first weather cycle reveals movement and fastener pops.

Boards and fasteners

- ☐ Loose boards and popped fasteners corrected
Loose or cupped boards re-fastened into sound framing, popped fasteners set or replaced, surface left flat and tight. 1 photo required

Guards and finish

- ☐ Wobbly guards re-anchored and finish re-checked
Guards and railings re-anchored to blocking and re-tested for movement, damaged boards or finish repaired, item photographed closed. 2 photos required