

Stairs depicted as an example are 3 treads w/ minimum 10" tread depth, 7 3/4" maximum rise and 36" minimum width.

If deck height above exterior grade is 30" or more, deck guardrails are required.

If stairs have 4 or more treads within a run, or 30" above grade and open on both sides, guards are required on both sides and a handrail is required on at least one side.

Decks built to support spas or hot tubs must be designed by a certified engineer or licensed architect and stamped prints and manufacturer's installation instruction are required to be available on site at the time of inspection. (Ref: IRC 2003 Section R306.3.1 and G2408.1(305.1).

Typical Floor Joist Layout