

CHECK YOUR DECK

Fiberon offers the look of exotic hardwoods with multi-colored tones and grain patterns.

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A leader in quality and innovation, Fiberon composite decking and railing products offer beautiful, low-maintenance options for today's decks that keep their good looks for years to come.

"Unsafe decks could possibly collapse, causing serious injuries to you and your guests. It is important to conduct annual deck safety checks."

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1 SPLIT OR DECAYING WOOD

Check supporting structures to make sure wood is still sound and for wood decking surfaces, check decking and railing for splitting or decay.

2 FLASHING

Flashing is a metal or plastic guard that directs water out and away from the house. It's installed where the deck and house come together, keeping moisture and debris from collecting between the house and the deck's ledger board.

3 LOOSE OR CORRODED FASTENERS

Fasteners include screws or anchors used in the support structure, ledger board, decking and railing. Look for loose connections, sagging joists and wobbly railing.



4 RAILINGS AND BANISTERS

These should be secure. Push on them to be sure there is no give. Also, check to be sure they are high enough.

5 CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Clean away any leaves and debris, since these can be slippery and promote mildew.

6 GRILLS, FIRE PITS, CHIMNEYS, HEATERS AND CANDLES

These features can create a warm and cozy deck atmosphere, but make sure any source of fire or heat is safely placed away from other surfaces and that the deck surface is protected by a non-flammable pad.



7 LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL

Be sure all lighting is working. Clean any light covers to allow maximum light to shine through, and trim any plants or tree limbs that may be blocking light. Be sure all electrical outlets, appliances and features are up to code, in good condition, and childproof if children are present.

8 OUTDOOR FURNITURE & STORAGE

Test all outdoor furniture to be sure it is sturdy. Avoid placing seating right at the edge of the deck. If you have a swing or hammock installed, test the chains and ropes to be sure they are secure. Consider installing childproof latches on any storage boxes and benches.

9 SURROUNDING TREES

If you have trees over-hanging your deck, make certain there is no danger of decaying limbs breaking free and falling from trees onto your deck.