

# Building Inspection Checklist

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- Basics**
  - Framing** All bearing points should be properly supported.
  - Foundation** Any strapping or bolts should already be in place and secure.
  - Sheathing** Should be in place and nailed according to code.
  - Headers** Must be installed and supported according to code.
  - Insulation** Insulation should meet standards and be appropriately fire-blocked as needed.
  - Mechanical** Plumbing, electrical and HVAC installation should be complete.
  - Windows/doors** These should be properly installed and functional.
- Interior**
  - Attic.** Any blown insulation should be completed and certificate card posted; pull down stairs installed
  - Bath** All glass doors must be verified as tempered glass.
  - Banisters/stairs** Railings should be in place and wheelchair access provided where indicated (commercial installations).
  - Outlets** All electrical outlets should be covered and grounded properly.
  - Garage** The entire garage area should be fire-stopped and doors properly installed.
- Exterior**
  - Roof** The roof should be fully installed, sealed, and flashing nailed down. Gutters and downspouts should be in place.
  - Ventilation** Vents and exhaust openings should be sealed and caulked around.
  - Wood** Exterior wood should be primed and painted or sealed.
  - Concrete** Drives and walkways should be appropriately footed and graded to provide drainage away from the foundation.
  - House Numbers** These should be installed on the house in full view of the street, and if possible numbers should be painted on the curb as well.
- Legal**
  - Permit** This should be posted in plain view of the street.
  - Plans** Architectural plans should be available for the inspector to review.
  - Zoning** Appropriate paperwork should be available showing proof of zoning exception, if needed.