



**TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK**  
Building Department

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### **Deck Requirements**

- Baluster Spacing – must be able to block passage of a 4” sphere.
- Guard Height – no less than 36” in height
- Weather Resistant fasteners and connectors must be used.
- Stair Run and Rise: Run – 9” minimum, Rise – 8 ¼” maximum
- Point of Attachment – must be flashed and bolted and/or lagged to dwelling.
- Depth of Footing – 42” for adequate frost protection.
- Joist Hangers and/or Engineered Products – must be attached w/specified fasteners.
- Decks 30” (or higher) off the ground must have adequate guards and rails on stair & deck area.
- Staircase stringers must sit on solid block or equivalent (8” pad or sonotube), not directly on the earth.