



# City of Malibu

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## Inspection Guidelines Exterior Elevated Elements (E3) Repairs

### 1. Guideline Purpose

These guidelines are intended to assist practicing professionals in complying with the Malibu Municipal Code (MMC) inspection and certification requirements for exterior elevated elements. For more information about the Exterior Elevated Elements (E3) Program, please visit the City's website at [www.malibucity.org/E3](http://www.malibucity.org/E3). For general questions contact Building Safety staff at (310) 456-2489, extension 390 or via email at [mbuilding@malibucity.org](mailto:mbuilding@malibucity.org).

### 2. Program Scope

Malibu requires inspection of weather exposed, exterior elevated elements of buildings every six years (nine years for condominium associations), and it applies to multi-family residential buildings, hotels/motels, and condominiums. The program applies to all such buildings regardless of their original construction date.

Building owners must submit their inspection assessment report and the required [E3 Inspection Certification Form](#) to the City by January 1, 2026, and for each inspection cycle thereafter. The report and certification form is to be prepared by a California-licensed Architect, Civil Engineer, or Structural Engineer. Also, the report must include photos and the licensed professional stamp.

The program applies to the following exterior elements located more than 6 feet above adjacent grade, constructed of wood or steel, and accessible to occupants, known collectively in this document as exterior elevated elements (E3s):

- Balconies
- Exterior walkways
- Decks
- Exterior stairs and landings
- Guards and associated handrails serving any elements listed above

**Figure 1** is a sample illustration of E3s that are subject to the program.

Figure 1

