



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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Guidelines for Special Inspection

INTRODUCTION

The California Building Code specifies the types of work where Special Inspection is required. These inspections are a supplement to the required code inspections. They are performed by agencies recognized by the Building Official to perform specialized inspections by qualified individuals. In some cases the Engineer or Architect of record may be authorized to perform these inspections.

The Special Inspector and/or Architect or Engineer of record is not authorized to do any of the following:

1. Inspect or approve any work for which a building permit has not been issued.
2. Direct any work to commence before the Building Inspection Section has completed it's inspection. Deviations from this procedure must be requested in writing from the Building Official.
3. Inspect or approve any work other than that for which they are specifically certified.
4. Approve alternate materials, structural changes or revisions to plans without prior approval of the Building Official.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

When site conditions, inclement weather or other factors require work to commence prior to the required Building Inspection Division inspection, obtain written approval prior to starting work. Schedule the appropriate inspection with the Building Inspection Division for that day or the next working day. Provide copies of all related Special Inspection Reports to the Building Inspector. Failure to follow these procedures may result in delay of approval of the work.

REFERENCES

1998 California Building Code, Chapter 17
