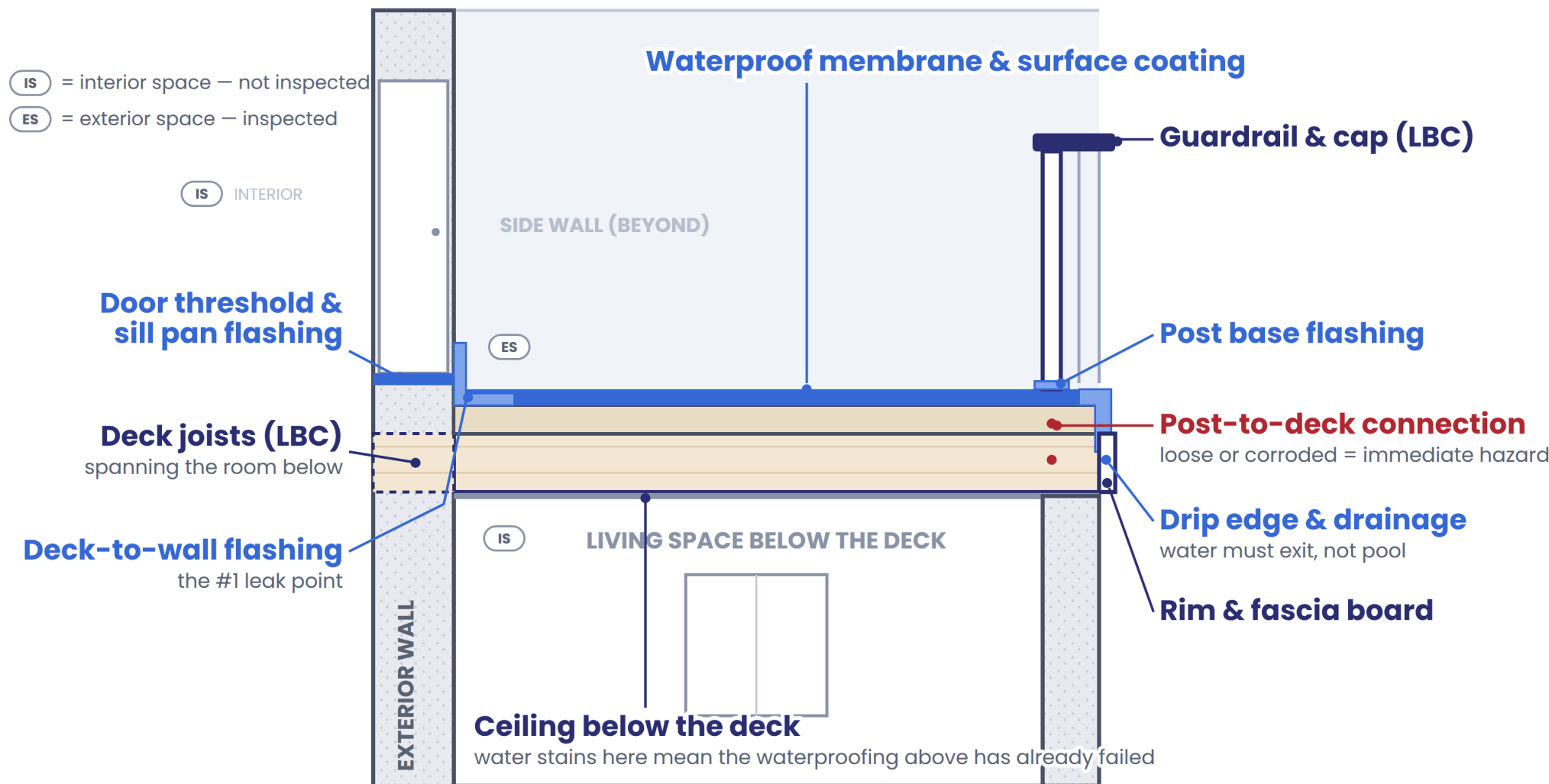


Anatomy of an E-3 Balcony Inspection

Cross-section: an enclosed deck over living space — the structure (LBC) and the waterproofing (AWE) that protects it



Why the law pairs them: nearly every balcony failure starts with water getting past the waterproofing (AWE) and quietly rotting the load-bearing wood (LBC) — here, directly above someone's ceiling. E-3 inspections examine both, together.

■ LBC — load-bearing components

■ AWE — waterproofing elements

● critical checkpoints