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Do you need planning permission for a carport or canopy?

It's very unlikely you'll need planning permission for a carport or canopy, unless it's very large or you already have additions to the property's floorplan. Canopies are considered extensions and their dimensions must fall within the "permitted development" allowance every home has. The allowance is 50% of the total original footprint of the building. If your proposed canopy is under this allowance, you DO NOT require permission.

Carports and canopies come under the same regulations as other outbuildings and they are 'Permitted Developments', therefore permission from your local authority is not required.

Please note - If your home is listed, in a conservation area or in an ANOB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) you may need permission regardless of the size.

At what size would you need planning permission for a canopy?

If the surface area of your proposed canopy (plus any previous extensions) is greater than 50% of the floor space of your home, then you need planning permission. However, this is an unlikely scenario. To build a canopy to cover a vehicle or patio, the plans typically fall within the "permitted development" area where planning permission isn't necessary. Below is checklist to confirm when you WILL NOT require Planning Permission

When Do I Not Need Planning Permission For My Carport or Canopy?

You WILL NOT require planning permission for your canopy provided you adhere to the following guidelines –

- The ground area that is covered by the carport is less than half the total area of your property.
- The height of your carport does NOT exceed 4m (13ft approx.).
- The maximum eaves height of the carport is 2.5m (8ft approx.) if it remains within 2m (6ft 6.7") of the property boundary.
- It isn't being erected on the land forward of the walls that form the principal elevation of the structure.
- There are no raised platforms or balconies that form part of the structure.
- If you live in a National Park or an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the maximum area covered by the canopy DOES NOT exceed 10sqm (108sq ft) and is no further than 20m (65ft) from the property.

Planning permission IS GOING TO BE REQUIRED if your project fits into one of the following: Erect Walls, Double Story Carport, Listed Building.

ANY outbuilding like a carport, garage or canopy WILL require planning permission if it is adjoining a listed building.

If you would like to find out more - please visit the UK Planning Portal – link below.

[UK Planning Portal](https://www.gov.uk/planning-portal)