

Deck Safety

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the DO'S



- 1** Perform periodic inspections on elevated decks and balconies in order to check for dry rot, loose handrails, as well as other structural deficiencies.
- 2** Perform periodic maintenance by repainting, staining or applying other forms of approved sealants as well as tightening all hardware.
- 3** Limit the number of people on the structure at any given time.
- 4** Consult with a licensed contractor or engineer prior to making any modifications or repairs.
- 5** Obtain a Building Permit and have all work inspected by the local jurisdiction.

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the DONT'S



- 1** Drill, cut, or alter any structural member of the elevated deck or balcony.
- 2** Penetrate the waterproof membranes in any fashion.
- 3** Close in the underside of a previously open elevated deck or balcony, thus cutting off ventilation.
- 4** Overcrowd or overload such as using the elevated deck/balcony as a dance floor.
- 5** Continually apply large amounts of water to the surface such as continual hosing or flooding potted plants.
- 6** Mount antennas or satellite dishes to handrails or walking surfaces.

For additional deck do's and don'ts relating to child safety, please see www.balconysafety.ca/safety-tips.cfm