

Who is the VBCOA?



The VBCOA is a statewide organization of building safety professionals dedicated to the protection of the health, safety and welfare of all persons who live, work or visit the Commonwealth of Virginia. Our membership is comprised of code officials, inspectors, design professionals and other industry leaders.

For over 75 years the VBCOA has played a major role in the development and application of model construction codes and standards. Because of this, the citizens of Virginia enjoy a high level of assurance that the buildings and structures they utilize everyday are as safe as current standards allow. Safer and stronger buildings benefit everyone by reducing injuries and damages during emergency situations and disasters as well as enhancing and preserving the value of our properties.

If you have questions concerning building safety issues, please contact your local building department and the professionals who work there to serve you.

ALL STRUCTURAL REPAIRS REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED.

FREDERICK COUNTY HAS A QUICK AND EASY FILL IN THE BLANK FORM, BASED ON THE CURRENT 2006 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE TO AID IN THE DECK PERMITTING PROCESS. THE FORM IS NOT AVAILABLE ON LINE AT THIS TIME.

ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN WOOD COUNCIL WEBSITE. THIS IS A FREE BROCHURE THAT CAN BE VIEWED FROM THEIR FREE REPORTS LIBRARY ON THEIR WEB PAGE WWW.AWC.ORG

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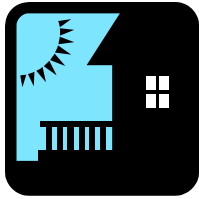


Deck Safety Awareness



*An organization of building
safety professionals*

May is Deck Safety Awareness Month In Virginia



The Virginia Building and Code Officials Association and your local building department reminds you that it is important to regularly inspect your decks and balconies. Each year hundreds of people are injured as a result of deck failures that may have been avoided by performing basic preventive maintenance. Failures also occur because of faulty construction techniques. Whenever you build or repair a deck, it is important to obtain the required permits and inspections from your local building department to help ensure your family and guests enjoy your deck without worry of failure or collapse. Use the checklist in this brochure to help you inspect your deck for possible unsafe conditions.

Tips for Deck Safety

1. Check support posts and beams for rot, splitting or abnormal movement.
2. Closely check the attachment points between the deck and the house.
3. Check all fasteners, bolts brackets, etc., for rust and corrosion.
4. Check all guards and rails to be sure they are sturdy and well secured
5. Use grills, heaters and outdoor fire pits with care and be sure to observe all rules regarding their use.



Contact the Frederick Co. Dept. of Inspections at 540 665-5650 for info about deck construction. If you have an unsafe condition, please submit a written list of concerns to the department. An inspection will be conducted under Chap 54 of the property maintenance code. Please indicate the following on your request

1. Owners Name
2. Address
3. Phone Number
4. List of your concerns

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