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Permits and Inspections Offers Deck and Balcony Safety Inspections

Do you have a safety question or concern about your home's deck or balcony? The Department of Permits and Inspections is available to answer questions and to conduct courtesy inspections. For answers to your questions or to schedule a free inspection, call 393-8531.

An inspector from the Department of Permits and Inspections will inspect your deck or balcony for safety and make recommendations to increase structural safety or the integrity of the guard system in accordance with the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Decks and balconies should be inspected annually since they degrade over time. For specific load, construction, and design safety requirements, visit <http://www.portsmouthva.gov/buildingofficial/decksafetyinspection.aspx> .

For more information or to schedule an inspection, call 393-8531. To review the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, visit: http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/StateBuildingCodesandRegulations/Virginia_Uniform_Statewide_Building_Code.htm.

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