

DECK SAFETY

Building and Inspections

MAY IS DECK SAFETY MONTH.

We want you to be safe.

Each year many people are injured as a result of deck failures that may have been avoided by performing basic preventive maintenance



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- **40,000,000 decks in the US over 20 years old**
 - If even 1% are unsafe, 40,000 decks are unsafe
- **2000-2006 Deck Related Incidents**
 - 30 deaths
 - 350 injuries
- **75% of persons in deck collapse are likely to be killed or injured**

DECK FAILURES CAN OCCUR FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

- Faulty construction methods.
- Improper or unsuitable materials.
- Lack of Maintenance.



NEW DECKS AND SUBSTANTIAL REPAIRS NEED A PERMIT.

There are a lot of factors that go into deck safety. It is important to have a permit and an inspection to make sure you and your family are safe when spending time on your new deck

OLDER DECKS SHOULD BE LOOKED OVER EACH YEAR.

- Check support posts and beams for rot, splitting or abnormal movement
- Closely check the attachment points between the house and deck.
- Check all fasteners, bolts, brackets, etc., for rust and corrosion.
- Check all guards and rails to be sure they are sturdy and well secured.

