

BALCONIES FACTSHEET



Using your balcony

Balconies can be a great space to enjoy fresh air, but they must be used safely and responsibly.

This factsheet explains how to keep yourself, your neighbours and your building safe.

Be courteous

- Keep noise to a minimum early in the morning or late at night (especially music!)
- Do not use excessive water to wash your balcony
- Do not push water off your balcony, use the drain
- Use drainage trays under plants
- Do not feed birds
- Remove animal waste
- Ensure children do not throw rubbish or toys onto other balconies or yards

Staying safe

- Don't overcrowd your balcony. Too many heavy items can put pressure on the structure and is a fire risk.
- Supervise children: always watch children on balconies. Never let them climb on furniture or railings.
- No climbing: do not sit, stand or lean over the edge or place items on the railing
- Any clothes drying racks must not exceed the height of the railing
- Check for damage regularly – let the Maintenance Team know if you notice cracks, loose railings or water pooling. Contact them by calling 9412 6868 and selecting option 1 after the prompt.

Fire safety

- Avoid BBQs. If you choose to keep a BBQ, ensure there is a 1m clearance on all sides
- Dispose of cigarettes responsibly – make sure they are completely extinguished
- Don't store flammables such as unused gas bottles, petrol or aerosol cans
- Ensure there is a 1m clearance around air conditioning units and goods are not stored on top of them

Visit the CFA website for more practical tips on reducing fire risks on your balcony