

## Porch and Deck Safety

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*During the month of May every year, people are encouraged to check their decks with a critical eye to safety.*



*To help minimize porch and deck collapse at your residence, please inspect your exterior for the following:*

- ✓ **Loose and corroded fasteners:** All hardware should be tight throughout the deck and especially the ledger area
- ✓ **Split or decaying wood:** All wood should be in good condition and should not show any signs of wood rot
- ✓ **Ledger board:** This is the main board on the deck that connects a deck to a house. This should be in good condition and provide a secure foundation for attaching a deck to a house. Problems with ledger boards are most common cause of deck collapses
- ✓ **Sagging floors or roofs.**