

## Guidance For Modifications To Balcony Guards May 11, 2021

Some owners may wish to make modifications to their balcony guards (railings), for instance, to increase their safety for children. Any modifications to balcony guards **must not**:

1. Involve structural alterations to the existing balcony (e.g., not involve drilling into or otherwise damaging existing railings, concrete, or brick);
2. Use wires or ties made of materials other than stainless steel;
3. exceed the height of the existing balcony guards;
4. have solid panels (to avoid increasing the balcony's risk of experiencing wind damage);
5. have sharp exposed edges (to avoid cuts);
6. have openings such that a child could use them to climb on;
7. colors must be neutral, e.g., gray or muted; no fluorescent colors.

Any owner wishing to make modifications around the balcony guards must first inform the Condo Manager in writing of the specific products planned for use. The Manager's written approval is required before modifications can begin. This is intended to prevent any modifications being made that could compromise child safety, the balcony, the guards, or the building.

Appropriate products may be available from home improvement companies such as Lowes or Home Depot.