

## Information for residents – safety on balconies

A balcony is a popular part of outdoor living. Our weather and lifestyle are ideal for enjoying the outdoors at home while relaxing and entertaining with friends and family.

Uniting and you have a responsibility to keep people safe when you, other residents and visitors use your balcony.

### Maintenance

Routine and regular maintenance help keep your home in good repair. We maintain Balconies, balustrades and railings to the Building Code of Australia and relevant Australian Standards. We regularly inspect and maintain the property.

If you believe your balcony, balustrades and railings need maintenance, call 1800Homely (1800 466 359).

### Balcony safety for you and your children

- Never leave children unsupervised on balconies.
- Never stand on balcony furniture.
- Keep all balcony furniture away from the balcony wall or railings so that children are not encouraged to climb up them.
- Don't leave potential trip hazards on the balcony e.g. toys, buckets and spades etc.
- Never lean over, sit, or climb on the balcony wall or railings.
- Don't try to pass items to someone on another balcony.
- Don't climb from one balcony to another.
- Don't hang laundry over the balcony balustrades and railings as you may be tempted to lean over to retrieve items that fall over the edge.
- Don't throw things or allow items to fall from a balcony.
- Take extra care on balconies after drinking alcohol as your judgement may be affected.

