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:**