

## 17. Balcony

### Warning

Do not place items such as boxes near balcony railings. Small children may climb on them and hurt themselves by falling off the balcony.

### Caution

Because of the possible danger to people below, do not place plants or other items on the ledge of the balcony, as there is a risk of them being knocked off or blown off by a strong wind.

For the same reason, please make sure you fasten clothes poles securely to their hooks.

### Danger

Balconies can be used as escape routes in emergencies such as fire.

Especially, the partition barrier on boundary with the neighbor of same floor is made so that it can be broken down and used as evacuation door in emergencies to escape to adjoining unit. Do not place large objects or heavy objects on balconies that are used as evacuation routes in emergencies.



Use the deck properly by reading the following cautions:

- ◎When you dry out your laundry beyond the handrail of the deck, it will defile the apartment complex, and also will very much annoy the neighbors downstairs. Look out for each other.
  - ◎For high-rise housing, drying out your Futon, mat, comfort or the like on the handrail of the deck is prohibited.
  - ◎Do not leave or place objects on balconies that may obstruct evacuation routes during a fire or other emergency. In addition, if there is an escape ladder connected to the balcony of the upper apartment floor above your house, do not place any objects immediately below the ladder. The object might obstruct the evacuation route of residents that live on the upper floors.
  - ◎The deck is not water-proofed. When you water on the deck, water may leak down.
  - ◎Please note that running water on the balcony may cause leakage.
  - ◎The use of barbecue stoves, burners, charcoal stoves, and other open flames is prohibited, as they may cause fires and disturb the neighbors.
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- In houses where adults are often absent and in which there are small children, you are free to install wooden fencing, etc. if you feel currently installed handrails pose a danger to your child.  
Doing so will require submission of an application for remodeling (Refer to page 35).

