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Dear Sir/Madam

ADVISORY ON DANGERS OF PLACING FURNITURE NEAR PARAPETS AND RAILINGS WHICH ARE ACTING AS SAFETY BARRIERS

This advisory is to remind owners and tenants of premises which are accessible to members of the public (including children), such as shopping malls and hotels, to be mindful of their legal duty to ensure that their visitors are safe whilst within their premises.

2 Under the Building Control Act and Regulations, when a significant drop in height occurs, a safety barrier, designed with proper height and strength, is required to be provided to protect people from accidental fall and to prevent young children from climbing over the barrier.

3 In order to ensure that the safety barrier is effective in preventing fall from height, owners and tenants should avoid placing furniture or any climbable object adjacent in close proximity to these barriers so that young children could not make use of these furniture to climb over the safety barrier. Hence, owners are strongly advised NOT to allow the placement of sofas, chairs or tables near to parapet walls or railings which are acting as safety barriers in their premises.

4 We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this advisory to the members of your organisation.

Yours faithfully



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