

Building Safety Week

America will celebrate Building Safety Week from May 4 through May 8, 2009. The theme is “Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play.”

In recognition of national Building Safety Week, the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services will be offering free DECK MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS for single-family detached homes, townhouses and duplex dwellings. The inspections will be available for all Montgomery County residents EXCLUDING the city of Rockville and the City of Gaithersburg. The inspection will include a checklist for homeowners to help them maintain a safe and sound structure. Most decks require annual maintenance to ensure a long life.

Please contact the Department of Permitting Services from May 4 through May 8, 2009 by phone @ 240-777-6370, or by fax @ 240-777-6258, or by email @ dps@montgomerycountymd.gov to request a DECK MAINTENANCE INSPECTION. The request will be honored as the inspectors’ workload allows, and you will be contacted before the inspection is performed.

First observed in 1980, Building Safety Week annually raises public awareness of critical safety issues affecting every person, regardless of age or occupation. These entail the structural soundness of the buildings where we live and work, reliability of fire prevention and suppression systems, mechanical systems, and energy efficiency and sustainability. Inspectors, plan reviewers and others in the Department of Permitting Services work to ensure the safety of the structures in which all of us live, work, attend school, worship and play. These officials provide the first line of defense against building disasters. We are silent but vigilant guardians who work daily to ensure safety in the built environment.