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### Make Summer Days More Lazy and Less Crazy During Deck Safety Month

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May is Deck Safety Month™, a North American Deck and Railing Association (NADRA) program, and the perfect time to raise awareness of how to keep your deck and, most importantly, your family safe during the summer months. The experts at TimberTech®, a trusted and leading manufacturer of composite products, have put together a few tips on how to make your deck a safer place for your family to relax and play all summer long.

Have rainy spring days, humidity, and harsh winters caused split, decayed or warped wood on your deck? Now is the time to consider replacing that damaged wood with TimberTech's composite decking products. These low maintenance outdoor living products are manufactured with a 25-year limited warranty and won't decay or split, so your deck will continue to have superior quality through all kinds of weather.

Is your deck kid-friendly? Before letting the kids loose this summer, check the railing and balusters on your deck and each set of stairs to make sure they are secure. If you need to replace your railing, TimberTech offers a wide variety of railing options with a 25-year limited warranty in a variety of designs. TimberTech's RadianceRail system offers clean lines and a hidden fastening system that keeps connections from being exposed to the elements, which provides additional durability and safety. For advanced railing strength, TimberTech's BuilderRail® is composed of galvanized, powder-coated balusters that are 40 percent stronger than aluminum and are backed by a 10-year limited warranty.

Before you slip off those sandals and start to unwind in your barefeet, have you checked for any loose fasteners or splintered areas in your deck? TimberTech's CONCEALoc® hidden fasteners remove the need for any excess worry by allowing for interlocking plank installation. A deck installed with CONCEALoc and TimberTech's grooved plank creates a smooth, fastener-free, beautiful and safe surface. TimberTech's products are splinter-free and meet the Americans with Disabilities Act standards for slip-resistant walking surfaces. These products are perfect for a deck alongside your pool or spa.

Another big safety concern is insufficient lighting on your deck. To help keep your deck well lit, consider installing TimberTech's DeckLites®. These low-voltage and energy efficient outdoor lights come in a variety of options including a Post Cap Light Module for TimberTech's RadianceRail or Ornamental Rail products, Accent Lights on posts and Riser Lights for stairs. The Post Cap Module offers additional visibility along the edges of your deck and on the stairs. Accent lights are designed to produce a delicate downlight effect on posts and also work between balusters with a mounting block. A third safety feature that can be installed on the steps of your deck is TimberTech's Riser Light. This soft light provides extra visibility for your family and guests as they walk up and down the stairs at night.

To learn more about these products and help enhance the safety of your outdoor living space, visit [timbertech.com](http://timbertech.com). This Web site offers a variety of multimedia resources including product installation videos and full details on product features. There is also a Color Visualizer and Deck Design feature that enables you to imagine and create the beautiful, family-friendly deck of your dreams in your own style.