



# DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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**SUBJECT: Grand Pointe Apartment Sliders**  
**APPLICABILITY: All Personnel**

Recently, the Inspections Division of the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits (DILP) met with the property manager of the Grand Pointe Apartments, AIMCO. In this meeting, a Notice-of-Violation was issued and AIMCO was directed to limit access to a number of balconies due to a failure of a railing and an evaluation from an engineer that the railings in the building were not dependable.



On 2/23/2016, an e-mail from AIMCO went out to the tenants informing them that *“In our efforts to maintain and complete repairs to the community, temporary brackets (guards) will be installed in your units, at their sliding doors – to restrict the doors opening up to 4”, starting as early as today February 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>.”*



The affected apartments are those in the high-rise between the second and ninth floors, 142 in all. It is possible that every apartment that needed to be addressed was done on 2/23/16.

Late in the evening of 2/23/2016, the Fire Marshal was contacted and advised of the slider modifications by residents who were concerned for their safety.

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When OFM reached out to DILP, it was clear that they were aware of the situation and had directed AIMCO to take some action to keep tenants off of the balconies. These “Temporary” brackets may be in place for several months until a remedy is found to abate whatever hazard exists on the balconies. We don’t believe there to be any violations of the fire code in this action.

What does this mean to you:

- The modified sliders will most certainly affect a residents ability to seek refuge on a balcony should there be an emergency in the building.
- The modified slider will affect a fire fighters ability to seek refuge on a balcony should conditions deteriorate during an emergency.
- The balcony railings may not be suitable for a ladder to be thrown against them.
- Any questions that you may have can be directed to the Office of the Fire Marshal at x6040 or to the On Call Fire Marshal through communications after normal business hours.