



## Newsletter Addendum

### Mirrors

Dear Homeowners,

This addendum to our newsletter is being sent to you to advise you of a potential safety hazard in your home regarding bathroom mirrors. The Board does not know the extent of this problem but we decided to let you know about this problem so you can make your own decision for your home.

**Background** - One of our residents in Crystal Ridge recently had an adhesion failure on one of their bathroom mirrors. There was no advance warning that the mirror was going to fall. As the resident was leaving her bathroom, she decided to take the night light out. As she pulled it out, the mirror fell and broke into some pretty sharp shards. The mirror was basically being kept in check by the night light and a minor disturbance caused it to fall. If an adult or a child had been in front of the mirror, it could have caused some serious injury or worse. This was only a small mirror and many homes may have large mirrors in their bathrooms.

Upon inspection, it was noted that some mirrors in their home were anchored with support clips but some were not. The mirror that fell was held up by only 6 small adhesive patches on the back. One broken mirror sample shows the adhesive had pulled away from the center and was only being held on by the outer edge of the adhesive. This is not a firm bond and could possibly pose a potential danger. The mirrors in your home should be inspected as soon as possible to determine their condition.

**What to look for** - Inspect your mirrors to see if they have mirror clips at the top and bottom of the mirrors to help support the weight of the mirror and to hold it in place. In addition, the mirrors may have adhesive on the back to hold the mirrors firmly in place. If the clips are not visible, then they are probably only held in place by adhesive. According to some builders, using adhesive on the mirrors without mirror clips is common.

**What should you do?** - Make your own determination whether or not your mirrors are secure. They may appear and feel solid but they may only be held in place by the adhesive on the back. Reassure yourself for the safety of you and your family. Based on your inspection and if you determine they are not safely secured, contact your builder about making repairs for you or make the repairs yourself.

**How to make repairs?** - Repairs can be as simple as adding top and bottom mirror clips or can be more involved as completely removing and rehanging the mirror. The extent and timing of repairs necessary for your home are up to you to determine.

**What else can you do?** - Spread the word. Contact your neighbors and friends to let them know about this. You can also refer them to the Crystal Ridge web site, <http://crystalridge.amajn.com>, for information.

Please contact us if you have any questions or additional concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors  
Crystal Ridge HOA

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Correspondence to the Board should be clear and concise. Include your name, address, phone number and best time to contact you in case we have questions.

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