## MINIMUM HORIZONTAL LOADS FOR BALUSTRADES



Table 2 - Minimum horizontal imposed loads for parapets, barriers and balustrades, etc. BS 6180:2011 publication Fourth edition March 2011

Type of occupancy for part of the building or structure	Examples of specific use	Horizontal uniformly line load (kN/m²)	Uniformly distributed load applied to the infill (kN/m²)	A point load applied to part of the infill (kN)
Domestic and residential activities	(i) All areas within or serving exclusively one single family dwelling including stairs, landings, etc. but excluding external balconies and edges of roofs	0.36	0.5	0.25
	(ii) Other residential, i.e. houses of multiple occupancy and balconies, including Juliette balconies and edges of roofs in single family dwellings	0.74	1.0	0.5
Offices and work areas not included elsewhere, including storage areas	(iii) Light access stairs and gangways not more than 600mm wide	0.22	-	_
	(iv) Light pedestrian traffic routes in industrial and storage buildings except designated escape routes	0.36	0.5	0.25
	(v) Areas not susceptible to overcrowding in office and institutional buildings, also industrial and storage buildings except as given above	0.74	1.0	0.5
Areas where people may congregate	(vi) Areas having fixed seating within 530mm of the barrier, balustrade or parapet	1.5	1.5	1.5
Areas with tables or fixed seating	(vii) Restaurants and bars	1.5	1.5	1.5
Areas without obstacles for moving people and not susceptible to overcrowding	(viii) Stairs, landings, corridors, ramps	0.74	1.0	0.5
	(ix) External balconies including Julliette balconies and edges of roofs. Footways and pavements within building curtilage adjacent to basement or sunken areas	0.74	1.0	0.5
Areas susceptible to overcrowding	(x) Footways or pavements less than 3m wide adjacent to sunken areas	1.5	1.5	1.5
	(xi) Theatres, cinemas, discotheques, bars, auditoria, shopping malls, assembly areas, studio. Footways or pavements greater than 3m wide adjacent to sunken areas	3.0	3.0	1.5
	(xii) Grandstands and stadia	See requirements of the appropriate certifying authority	1.5	1.5
Retail areas	(xiii) All retail areas including public areas of banks/building societies or betting shops.	1.5	1.5	1.5
Vehicular	(xiv) Pedestrian areas in car parks including stairs, landings, ramps, edges or internal floors, footways, edges of roofs	1.5	1.5	1.5
	(xv) Horizontal loads imposed by vehicles	Refer to BS 6180:2011 standard 6.3.2 & Annex A (page 39)	1.5	1.5

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