

# Balcony drainage

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## Question

Is an overflow required to a small balcony?

## Considerations

- Water standing on the balcony could impose a significant additional load on the structure.
- If the upstand around the balcony is higher than the threshold/abutment details, water could enter the dwelling or the structure.

## Answer

An overflow should normally be provided as shown in NHBC Standards clause 7.1.12. However, if the upstand around the balcony is low (say, less than 50mm) and below the level of the threshold/abutment then an overflow is not needed.