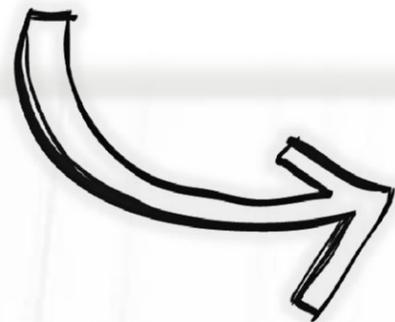




Privacy Design Guidelines For Adding a Second Story and/or Second Story Deck

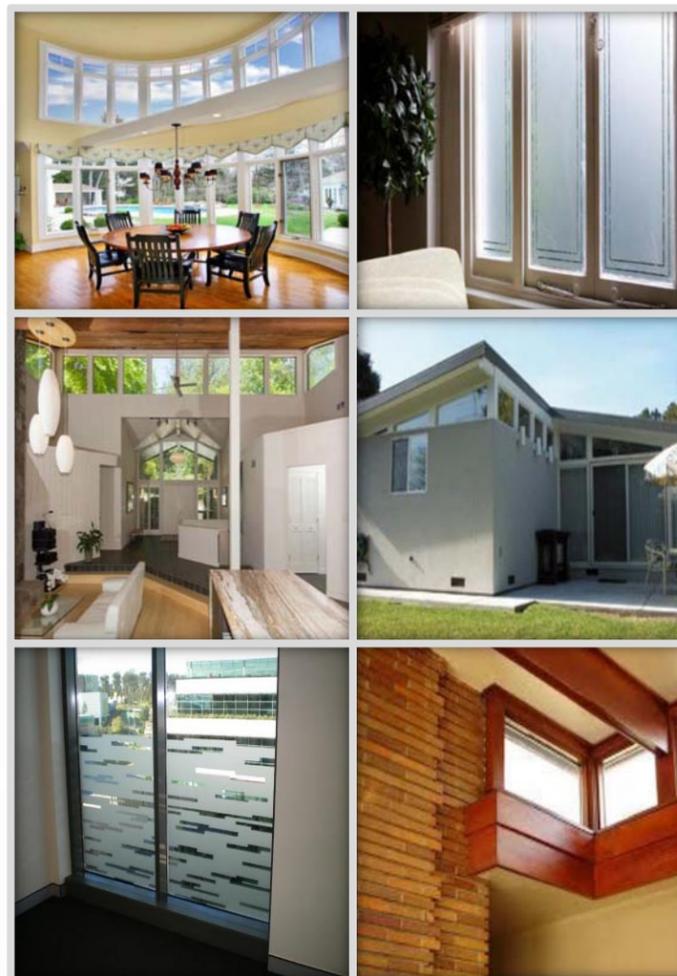
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When adding or expanding a second story or a second story deck to a residence, some loss of privacy to existing neighboring structures can be expected. Here are a few things that will help protect privacy between your home and your neighbor's home:



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Using frosted window(s), glass block or clearstory window(s) above a five-foot wall opening will allow light to come through and still protect privacy. Skylights are another way to maintain privacy and allow natural lighting in rooms.



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Reducing the size of the second story and or stepping the second story back, much like a "wedding cake" effect, will also help add privacy. Multi pitched and varied rooflines will help to break up the massing and stagger the windows. Stepping back the placement of the second story and careful placement of windows will help create privacy. Consider using setbacks greater than the minimum standards for the zone.



