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PEAK STRATA BODY URGES BODY CORPORATE COMMITTEES TO 'BEEF UP' SECURITY IN RESPONSE TO ROOFTOP PARKOUR DAREDEVILS

ROOFTOP STUNTS A REAL CONCERN WITH SCHOOL HOLIDAYS APPROACHING

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DANGER ALERT FOR _____. With school holidays fast approaching, the peak body for Queensland's \$190 billion strata sector have urged body corporate communities to 'beef up' building security in response to daredevils jumping between high rises as part of the latest viral trend.

Parkour isn't new by any description, but the growing number of daredevils choosing high rise roof tops as their latest playground has sparked new concern from strata property owners, whose buildings are being trespassed on and exposed to vast safety issues.

Footage emerged over the weekend of Gold Coast buildings being the latest target of this dangerous trend and the peak body for owners says enough is enough, and communities should risk mitigate before the worst happens.

Strata Community Association (Qld) is the peak industry body for Body Corporate and Community Title Management in Queensland and Board Director Jason Carlson says it's only a matter of time before these stunts take a turn for the worse and some simple security measures can be all the difference for communities avoiding these.

"This behaviour of trespassing, breaking into roof tops and performing these high-risk stunts in the hope to capture an extreme 'selfie', is far from impressive, and we're reminding high rise communities to look seriously at strengthening their building's security in response."

"Globally, several deaths have already been linked to this practice and we're of the opinion that body corporate committees must not take this lightly, and consider how building and rooftop access can be kept on a tighter leash."

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Mr Carlson says the upcoming school holiday period figures as a high risk time for _____ communities to be exposed to these stunts, and has called on body corporate committees to take the 'what if' factor off the table for their community.

"Like many viral trends before it, we're concerned that these recent stunts may have left an impression on thousands of kids set to go on holidays and we're eager to see communities act quickly, and take the prospect of this happening on-site out of the realm of possibility."

"The danger that this practice places building occupants and the individuals themselves in is unacceptable, and whilst we're confident Police will deal with any and all incidents, committees can still positively contribute to this issue."

Mr Carlson says many strata communities will be at a loss as to how to manage this issue and has called on owners to seek the advice of a professional strata manager in helping them deal with this issue.

"There are three simple measures that bodies corporate should consider to limit the impact of this issue on their building:

- Ensure all building access is restricted (e.g. security cards for elevators)
- Ensure rooftops are not accessible unless authorised (e.g. caretakers)
- Inform all residents (including short-term guests) of the by-laws applicable to your building, citing prohibited unlawful conduct."

"Bodies corporate seeking some assistance in putting these measures in place are encouraged to appoint a professional strata manager."

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