## **CONCEPT: SIDE-CHAIN HALOGENATION**

The alkyl group directly attached to benzene is known as an **alkyl side-chain**.

- The benzylic position of a side-chain is one of the most stable locations for radicals due to conjugation.
- Recall that benzylic radicals are some of the most stable radical intermediates possible

## Benzylic Resonance Structures:

## Specific Side-Chain Halogenations:

Benzylic Chlorination

Benzylic Bromination

$$Cl_2$$
 $hv \ \underline{or} \ \Delta$ 

NBS
 $hv \ \underline{or} \ \Delta$ 

Bromination