

# HOUSING INSPECTION CHECKLIST



This list does not include everything an inspector will observe, but represents the most commonly cited violations. The inspector may observe additional Sanitary Code violations.

## ***KITCHEN***

- There is sufficient counter space for food preparation.
- There is a working stove and oven or connections available.
- There are at least three wall outlets, with at least one outlet serving the food preparation area.
- There is at least one electrical light fixture.
- There is proper space for a refrigerator or connections available.
- The floor is sealed, water-resistant, nonabsorbent, and cleanable surface.
- If an outlet is located within 6 feet of sinks, shall be an approved ground fault type outlet.

## ***BATHROOMS***

- Every bathroom shall have one approved ground fault type duplex outlet.
- There is a bathtub or shower with sufficient water pressure.
- The walls of the shower stall are non-absorbent to a height of 48 inches.
- The toilet works properly and is not cracked or broken.
- There is a window or working ventilation system.
- The floor is cleanable, nonabsorbent, and water-resistant.
- There is a sink in good working condition.
- Plumbing fixtures are provided and in good working condition (showerhead, faucets, etc.)
- No mold growth on walls/ceilings

## ***BEDROOMS***

- There are two wall outlets in every bedroom, both accessible and convenient to use.
- No overuse of extension cords

## ***WINDOWS***

- All windows are weather-tight, waterproof and secure.
- All windows are free of cracks.
- All windows have working window locks.
- All windowpanes are in place and unbroken.
- Screens and storm windows are provided and installed at appropriate times.

- Window wells and sash tracks are free of peeling paint.

## ***EXTERIOR DOORS***

- All exterior doors are weather-tight and rodent proof (no cracks, holes, etc.).
- All exterior doors are properly fitted and weather-stripping is applied if there are any cracks or spaces around the door.
- Locks work properly to prevent unwanted entry.

## ***COMMON AREAS (HALLWAYS, YARDS, and BASEMENTS)***

- All areas are clean, free from debris, and well maintained.
- All staircases are stable installed with a handrail.
- All hallways, passageways and staircases are sufficiently lit and safe for passage.

## ***SMOKE/CARBON DIOXIDE DETECTORS***

- There is a working smoke detector outside each sleeping area adjacent to bedrooms, in each additional room used for sleeping, and on every level (including basements).
- For multi-housing units there is a working smoke detector on each level, in heating system and storage rooms, in garages and other common areas.
- There is a working carbon monoxide detector on every livable floor and outside each separate sleeping area, in the immediate vicinity of every bedroom if the home has fuel fired appliances or an attached garage.

## ***GENERAL — THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING***

- All walls and ceilings are free of cracks, cleanable and weather-tight.
- All floors are free of cracks, crevices, and open areas where rodents or insects may harbor.
- All interior doors are free of cracks, holes, and have working doorknobs.
- All units are completely free of rodents and insects.
- There are at least two separate exits from each home; all exits are free from obstruction.
- Heating, electrical and plumbing are up to code
- Foundation is free of cracks, holes and breaks
- Structures that require paint or stain should be painted or stained at regular intervals to prevent deterioration or peeling paint
- Roof is in good repair, tight and have no defects to allow water
- Accessory structures are maintained in good repair and vertical alignment.
- Exterior light fixtures serve exterior entrances