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Common Fail Items

(Note: Owners and Clients please check the following items BEFORE the first inspection.)

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS:

1. All light fixtures must be secured to the ceiling; no exposed or hanging wires.
2. All light switches and wall sockets must have covers.

SMOKE ALARMS:

1. All dwelling units are required to have battery or electrical smoke alarms.
2. All multi-family dwelling units (apartments and duplexes) require smoke detectors with power supplied through the house electrical service. Also all bi-level dwelling units must have smoke alarms on both floors.
3. Smoke detectors must be within 8 – 10 feet outside the bedroom area.

KITCHEN:

1. Stoves and refrigerators must work properly and be clean.
2. Check for leaks and drippy faucets.
3. Gas stoves must light without a match.

BATHROOMS:

1. Exhaust fans are required if no window is present.
2. No weak flooring, no leaks, no drippy faucets.

HEATING AND PLUMBING:

1. Unvented Gas or Kerosene heaters will not pass Housing Quality Standards.
2. All gas outlets not in use must be capped .
3. Thermostats must work properly and have a cover.
4. Hot water heaters must be enclosed and have pop-off valve and discharge line.
5. Septic tanks are required in rural areas.

WINDOWS:

1. It is required that at least one operable window be located in each bedroom.
2. The bathroom must have a window that opens or a working exhaust fan.
3. All windows must open, close, and lock.
4. Windows that are broken, cracked, or missing panes are not acceptable.
5. Exterior windows must be caulked and all peeling paint (inside or outside) must be scraped and repainted.

BUILDING EXTERIOR:

1. Front and back exterior doors must have lockable passage set with key and also be weather-stripped if air comes through.
2. Handrails and porch rails are required if 30 inches or higher from the ground. Handrails are required for three or more consecutive steps.
3. All steps must be secured to the unit unless concrete.
4. All exterior peeling paint must be scraped and re-painted.
5. All mobile homes must be tied down.

GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY:

1. Site and neighborhood conditions must be clean.
2. Garbage collection is required in both city and rural areas. (Provided by the tenant or owner)