

# HOUSING ELIGIBILITY

## HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS

Housing units under the Section 8 Program must be safe, decent, and sanitary condition. Each unit must pass our field representative's inspection before we approve the unit for Section 8 assistance. You should review the requirements indicated below before you send a request for lease approval and the related papers. Make sure the unit conforms to these standards, or that the landlord can and will make the necessary repair or alterations. All plumbing, electrical, heating, and other mechanical systems must be in proper operating condition.

	<u>OK</u>	<u>NEEDS REPAIRS</u>
1. <b><u>ALL ROOMS</u></b>		
A. Are there at least two working outlets or one working outlet and one light fixture? (Kitchen and bathroom must have permanent light fixture.)	_____	_____
B. Is there any exposed wiring (other than low voltage doorbell, etc)?	_____	_____
C. Do each outlet and light switch have a cover plate and work properly?	_____	_____
D. Do all windows open or close properly? (Windows with sash cords must have them intact; at least one window in bedroom and living room.)	_____	_____
E. Do any windows need putty? Are doors leading to exterior properly weather stripped?	_____ _____	_____ _____
F. Do all windows have strong locks?	_____	_____
G. Is the ceiling structurally sound?	_____	_____
H. Are there any leaks in ceilings, walls, or windows?	_____	_____
I. Are there any holes in ceiling or walls?	_____	_____
J. Is there crumbling plaster or peeling paint on window and door frames, walls, or ceilings?	_____	_____
K. Is there peeling paint between interior and exterior windows?	_____	_____
L. Are the floors structurally sound?	_____	_____
M. Do the floors have any tripping hazards, such as torn linoleum or carpeting?	_____	_____
N. Are all closets doors hung properly so that they do not fall?	_____	_____
2. <b><u>KITCHEN</u></b>		
A. Does the stove have all knobs intact, and do all burners and the oven operate properly?	_____	_____
B. Is the refrigerator large enough from the family size?	_____	_____
C. Do the refrigerator and freezer cool properly?	_____	_____
D. Is there adequate space to store and prepare food?	_____	_____
E. Does the sink provide hot and cold running water? Are there any leaks? Does the water drain properly?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
3. <b><u>BATHROOM</u></b>		
A. Does the toilet operate properly? Are there any leaks?	_____ _____	_____ _____
B. Does the sink provide hot and cold running water? Is there enough water pressure? Are there any leaks? Does the water drain properly?	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____

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## BATHROOM (Continued)

C. Does the tub or shower provide hot and cold running water? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any leaks? \_\_\_\_\_

D. Is there ventilation provide by a window located on an exterior wall or an exhaust fan? \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. BEDROOM

A. Does it have a window located on an exterior wall? \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. HEATING EQUIPMENT

A. Is the heating equipment capable of providing adequate heat to all room used for living? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Is the unit free from unvented fuel-burning space heaters or any other unsafe heating conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

C. If the furnace is in a closet, are the door vented? \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. HOT WATER HEATER

A. Does the hot water heater or pipes have leaks? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Does the pressure releese valve discharge pipe extend to approximately 6 inches? \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. ADDITIONAL REQUIRMENTS

A. Are all entrances and exits doors made of solid material with adequate locks for security? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Is there a working smoke detector on each level of the dwelling? \_\_\_\_\_

C. Is the unit free of rodents and insects? \_\_\_\_\_

D. Is the unit free from heavy accumulations of garbage and debris inside and outside? \_\_\_\_\_

E. Are there adequate covered facilities fix the disposal of garbage? \_\_\_\_\_

F. Where there are four or more stairs inside or outside of the unit, is there a handrail? \_\_\_\_\_

I. Are the stairs free from loose, broken or missing steps? \_\_\_\_\_

II. Are the stairs in the unit and the common areas free from tripping hazards? \_\_\_\_\_

G. Is the unit free from air pollutants? (mold, sewer, gas, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

H. Is the neighborhood free from **hazards** which would seriously endanger the health and safety of residents? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Abandoned and exposed building nearby, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. PORCHES:

I. I. Are enclosed process free from exposed wiring? \_\_\_\_\_

II. Do the windows lock? \_\_\_\_\_

III. Are the floors and walls structurally safe? \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Are there any holes, leaks, and chipping paint? \_\_\_\_\_

V. Is there crumbling cement? \_\_\_\_\_

J. Have an elevators been insected on a regular basis? \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. EXTERIOR OF UNIT:

K. I. Is ther any peeling paint on the outside of the unit within the reach of a child? \_\_\_\_\_

II. Is the foundation sound and free of hazard? \_\_\_\_\_

III. Are the any holes in the exterior? \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Are the sidewalks free from tripping hazards? \_\_\_\_\_