

TITLE: GRAB BAR
VERSION: VI.3
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DEFINITION: Safety device designed to be grasped and enable a person to maintain balance.

PURPOSE: To assist a person when maneuvering or transferring their weight.

NAME VARIANTS: Handle; Safety handle; Slip handle; Railing; Shower railing; Handrail

COMMON MATERIALS: Metal; Plastic

COMMON COMPONENTS: Handle; Bar; Mounting hardware

LOCATION: Unit Bathroom
 Inside Bathroom
 Outside None

MORE INFORMATION: For the purposes of this inspection, grab bar is the term used for handrails located in a bathroom. All other handrails must be inspected using the handrail standard.

DEFICIENCY 1: Grab bar is not secure

LOCATION: Unit Inside

DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: GRAB BAR IS NOT SECURE

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Any movement whatsoever is detected in the grab bar.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Standard This is a standard health and safety issue. A repair, correction, or act of abatement for this deficiency should occur within 30 days.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: Within 30 days

HCV — CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: Within 30 days

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If grab bar is not secure, and resident grabs it for stability, then they may fall and be injured.
R6	Usability and Operability of Fixtures	Direct	Because of this condition, the resident is unable to use certain fixtures, features, or appliances, which are reasonably assumed to be part of their rent.	If grab bar is not secure, then resident may be unable to use a fixture that is expected to be provided and maintained as part of their rent.
M1	Corrective Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect a tenant to report this deficiency, and for facilities management to prioritize a work order response to fix that deficiency.	If grab bar is not secure, then resident will likely report the defect and its presence may indicate that complaint-based work orders are not being addressed.
M2	Routine Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	If grab bar is not secure, then it should be identified through routine maintenance activities and the defect's presence may indicate that self-generated work orders are not being addressed.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - None

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - If present, grab the bar in the middle and apply moderate force back and forth.

More Information: - None

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - None

USEFUL: - None

DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE GRAB BAR IS NOT SECURE

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Any movement whatsoever is detected in the grab bar.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Standard This is a standard health and safety issue. A repair, correction, or act of abatement for this deficiency should occur within 30 days.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: Within 30 days

HCV — CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: Within 30 days

RATIONALE:

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - None

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - If present, grab the bar in the middle and apply moderate force back and forth.

More Information: - None

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - None

USEFUL: - None



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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

TITLE: GRAB BAR
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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
Overall Formatting	Complete rework of document format and layout	V1.3	2020-07-31
Definition	Revised definition	V1.3	2020-07-31
Purpose	Field added	V1.3	2020-07-31
Common Components	Revised common components	V1.3	2020-07-31
More Information	Field added	V1.3	2020-07-31
Deficiency I	Separated by inspectable locations — Unit and Inside	V1.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added inspectable locations		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "Within 30 days"		
HCV — Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "Within 30 days"		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency		