TITLE: GRAB BAR

VERSION: V1.3

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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

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
DEFFICIENCY 1 — INSIDE

GRAB BAR IS NOT SECURE

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Standard
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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
## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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- 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