

**TITLE:** SHARP EDGES  
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**DEFINITION:** Hazardous objects or thin sections of surfaces that can lacerate skin upon contact with minimal force.

**PURPOSE:** None

**NAME VARIANTS:** Unsafe cutting items; Hazardous cutting items

**COMMON MATERIALS:** Plastic; Metal; Wood; Concrete; Glass

**COMMON COMPONENTS:** None

**LOCATION:**  Unit Normal paths of travel  
 Inside Normal paths of travel  
 Outside Normal paths of travel

**MORE INFORMATION:** For the purpose of this inspection, sharp edges should only be recorded as a deficiency if they can cause personal injury that will likely require treatment from a medical professional and if located within a normal path of travel (e.g. protruding nails, fencing wire, rebar, exposed metal, and broken glass).

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**DEFICIENCY 1:** Sharp edges are present

**LOCATION:**  Unit  Inside  Outside

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DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: SHARP EDGES ARE PRESENT

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Sharp edges that can lead to personal injury are present.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Life-Threatening This is a life-threatening issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV — CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R2	Safety	Direct	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If sharp edge is present along the normal path of travel, then resident is at risk of laceration or puncture wounds.
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 sharp edge is present along the normal path of travel, then resident will likely report this, 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 sharp edge is present along the normal path of travel, then it will likely be detected during normal maintenance activities and its presence may indicate that self-generated work orders are not being addressed.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look along normal paths of travel to identify any sharp edge that could lead to a personal injury.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

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TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - None

USEFUL: - Flashlight

**DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: SHARP EDGES ARE PRESENT**

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DEFICIENCY I — OUTSIDE: SHARP EDGES ARE PRESENT

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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
Overall Formatting	Complete rework of document format and layout	VI.3	2020-07-31
Purpose	Field added	VI.3	2020-07-31
More Information	Field added	VI.3	2020-07-31
Deficiency I	Separated by inspectable locations — Unit, Inside, and Outside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added inspectable locations		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to “Life-Threatening” determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “24 hours”		
HCV — Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “24 hours”		
Rationale	Revised rationale explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency		
Rationales	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-26
Health and Safety Determinations	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-26