

TITLE: TRASH CHUTE

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DEFINITION: A large tube through which refuse is carried by means of gravity to a large waste receptacle at the bottom end.

PURPOSE: A means of discarding trash, typically located in high-rise buildings.

NAME VARIANTS: Garbage chute; Rubbish chute

COMMON MATERIALS: Metal

COMMON COMPONENTS: Chute; Door; Latch; Compactor; Chute discharge fire door with fusible link; Wash valve; Spray head; Springs; Handle; Counterbalance

LOCATION:  Unit None  
 Inside Hallways of high-rises, hallway closets of high-rises, typically located in the same place on every floor  
 Outside None

MORE INFORMATION: None

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DEFICIENCY 1: Chute door does not open, self-close, or latch

LOCATION:  Inside

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DEFICIENCY 2: Chute is clogged

LOCATION:  Inside

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DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: CHUTE DOOR DOES NOT OPEN, SELF-CLOSE, OR LATCH

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Chute door does not open.  
 OR  
 Chute door does not self-close and latch.

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	Direct	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If chute door does not self-close and latch, then it may present a fall risk for residents. Additionally, if there is a fire, then it may provide a route for fire to move between locations through a building.
R3	Sanitary	Direct	Special sub-set of health hazards related to hygiene. Resident cannot clean or dispose of waste or does not have clean drinking water.	If chute door does not open or self-close and latch, then resident's ability to dispose of garbage in a sanitary manner may be impacted.
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 chute door does not open or self-close and latch, then resident may be unable to utilize a feature 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 chute door does not open or self-close and latch, then residents would likely call report it because they want to be able to easily dispose of their trash, and the presence of this defect may indicate 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 chute door does not open or self-close and latch, then this should be identified during regular maintenance activities and the presence of this defect may indicate self-generated work orders are not being addressed.

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:** - Look to see if door closes automatically.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:** - Engage latch and attempt to open door.  
- If door opens, release door handle.  
- Ensure the door closes by itself.  
- Attempt to open the door without engaging the latch.
- More Information:** - None

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**TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:**

- REQUIRED:** - None
- USEFUL:** - Flashlight
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DEFICIENCY 2 — INSIDE: CHUTE IS CLOGGED

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Trash is overflowing or backed up inside chute.

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
R1	Health	Indirect	Condition could affect resident's mental, or physical, or psychological state.	If chute is clogged, then there may be an increased risk of infestation which may expose the resident to potential health risks (e.g. disease).
R3	Sanitary	Direct	Special sub-set of health hazards related to hygiene. Resident cannot clean or dispose of waste or does not have clean drinking water.	If chute is clogged, then resident's ability to dispose of garbage in a sanitary manner may be impacted.
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 chute is clogged, then resident may be unable to utilize a feature 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 chute is clogged, then residents would likely call report it because they want to be able to easily dispose of their trash, and the presence of this defect may indicate 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 chute is clogged, then this should be identified during regular maintenance activities and the presence of this defect may indicate self-generated work orders are not being addressed.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look to see if trash is accumulated anywhere inside the chute above and below the door.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Open the chute door.

More Information: - None

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TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Flashlight

USEFUL: - None

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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

**TITLE:** TRASH CHUTE  
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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
Overall Formatting	Complete rework of document format and layout	VI.3	2020-07-31
Definition	Revised definition	VI.3	2020-07-31
Purpose	Field added	VI.3	2020-07-31
Common Components	Revised common components	VI.3	2020-07-31
Location	Revised inspectable locations	VI.3	2020-07-31
More Information	Field added	VI.3	2020-07-31
<b>Deficiency 1</b>	<b>Separated by inspectable location – Inside</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
Title	Revised title; added inspectable location		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
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		
<b>Deficiency 2</b>	<b>Separated by inspectable location – Inside</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
Title	Added inspectable location		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
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Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency; response revised		
<b>Deficiency 3</b>	<b>Removed deficiency</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
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
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