

TITLE: [TRIP HAZARD](#)

VERSION: VI.3

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DEFINITION: Hazard caused by an abrupt change in vertical elevation or horizontal separation on any walking surface.

PURPOSE: None

NAME VARIANTS: Tripping hazard; Walking hazard; Obstacle

COMMON MATERIALS: Cords; Concrete; Tile; Carpet; Buckling floors; Metal

COMMON COMPONENTS: None

LOCATION: Unit Anywhere inside the dwelling unit
 Inside Anywhere inside the common areas
 Outside Anywhere outside the dwelling

MORE INFORMATION: None

DEFICIENCY 1: Trip hazard on walking surface

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: [TRIP HAZARD ON WALKING SURFACE](#)

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: There is an abrupt change in vertical elevation or horizontal separation on any walking surface along the normal path of travel, consisting of the following criteria:

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: Within 30 days

HCV — CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: Within 30 days

RATIONALE:

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

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REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - If identified, measure to determine if there is a ¼ inch vertical separation or 2-inch horizontal separation.

More Information: - If the walking area has an engineered designed gap or vertical difference; this is not a tripping hazard (e.g. a raised manhole, a plant grate designed in the middle of a path of travel).

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Distance measuring device

USEFUL: - None

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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 Materials	Revised common materials	VI.3	2020-07-31
Location	Revised inspectable locations	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		
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 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