

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:

- An unintended ¼ inch or greater vertical difference, OR
- An unintended 2-inch horizontal separation perpendicular to the path of travel.

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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|------|------------------------|--------|---|--|
| R2 | Safety | Direct | Resident could be injured because of this condition. | If there is a trip hazard, then there is an increased probability of falls that may lead to injury. |
| 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 there is a trip hazard, then resident will likely report it and the presence of this defect may indicate that complaint-based work orders are not being addressed. |
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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the walking surface along the normal path of travel to identify significant difference in vertical elevation or horizontal separation.

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

DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: TRIP HAZARD ON WALKING SURFACE

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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 |
| 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 |