

**TITLE:**                    **BATHTUB AND SHOWER**  
**VERSION:**               **V3.0**  
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**DEFINITION:**            Fixtures typically found in bathrooms that dispense clean water used for bathing and self-care which also contain a method for draining used water.

**PURPOSE:**              Provide vessel for cleansing the body for personal hygiene.

**COMMON COMPONENTS:**   Bathtub; Bathtub decorative side panel; Shower; Tub or shower valve; Shower head; Faucet; Drain; Mechanical water stopper; Drain cover; Diverter valve; Glass door; Enclosure

**LOCATION:**                  Unit            Bathroom  
                                     Inside          Bathroom  
                                      Outside        None

**MORE INFORMATION:**   None

**DEFICIENCY 1:**           Only 1 bathtub or shower is present and it is inoperable or does not drain.

**LOCATION:**                Unit            Inside

**DEFICIENCY 2:**           A bathtub or shower is inoperable or does not drain and at least 1 bathtub or shower is present elsewhere that is operational.

**LOCATION:**                Unit            Inside

**DEFICIENCY 3:**           Bathtub component or shower component is damaged, inoperable, or missing such that it may limit the resident's ability to maintain personal hygiene.

**LOCATION:**                Unit            Inside

**DEFICIENCY 4:**           Bathtub component or shower component is damaged, inoperable, or missing and it does not limit the resident's ability to maintain personal hygiene.

**LOCATION:**                Unit

**DEFICIENCY 5:**           Bathtub or shower cannot be used in private.

**LOCATION:**                Unit — Affirmative Habitability Requirement            Inside

**DEFICIENCY 1 — UNIT: ONLY 1 BATHTUB OR SHOWER IS PRESENT AND IT IS INOPERABLE OR DOES NOT DRAIN.**

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Only 1 bathtub or shower is present within the unit and it is inoperable (i.e., overall system is not meeting function or purpose, with or without visible damage) or standing water is present such that the inspector believes water is unable to drain.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Severe      The Severe category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of permanent disability, or serious injury or illness, to a resident; or the physical security or safety of a resident or their property would be seriously compromised.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:** - Identify the bathtub or shower.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - If the stopper is engaged, ask the resident or POA to remove or release the stopper.

**ACTION:** - Engage the handle or knob to verify if there is water supply to at least 1 bathtub or shower fixture.  
 - Turn off the water supply.  
 - Verify that water drains from the bathtub or shower.

**More Information:** - If a handle or knob is missing, but the inspector is able to evaluate if there is water supply to at least 1 bathtub or shower fixture, then evaluate the missing component(s) under Deficiency 3.  
 - If hot water does not dispense after the handle or knob is engaged, then it should be evaluated under the Water Heater standard.  
 - In the event that a bathtub or shower was never installed within the Unit by design (e.g., in an SRO property), then the shared facilities are considered part of the Unit location for inspection purposes as they are the resident's primary bathtub or shower.

**DEFICIENCY 1 — INSIDE: ONLY 1 BATHTUB OR SHOWER IS PRESENT AND IT IS INOPERABLE OR DOES NOT DRAIN.**

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Only 1 bathtub or shower is present within the Inside and it is inoperable (i.e., overall system is not meeting function or purpose; with or without visible damage) or standing water is present such that the inspector believes water is unable to drain.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Low Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 60 days

**HCV PASS / FAIL** Pass

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** N/A

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:** - Identify the bathtub or shower.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - If the stopper is engaged, ask the POA to remove or release the stopper.

**ACTION:** - Engage the handle or knob to verify if there is water supply to at least 1 bathtub or shower fixture.  
 - Turn off the water supply.  
 - Verify that water drains from the bathtub or shower.

**More Information:** - If a handle or knob is missing, but the inspector is able to evaluate if there is water supply to at least 1 bathtub or shower fixture, then evaluate the missing component(s) under Deficiency 3.  
 - If hot water does not dispense after the handle or knob is engaged, then it should be evaluated under the Water Heater standard.

**DEFICIENCY 2 — UNIT:** A BATHTUB OR SHOWER IS INOPERABLE OR DOES NOT DRAIN AND AT LEAST 1 BATHTUB OR SHOWER IS PRESENT ELSEWHERE THAT IS OPERATIONAL.

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** A bathtub or shower is inoperable (i.e., overall system is not meeting function or purpose, with or without visible damage) or standing water is present such that the inspector believes water is unable to drain and at least 1 bathtub or shower is present elsewhere within the Unit that is operational.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Moderate The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:** - Identify each bathtub or shower.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - If the stopper is engaged, ask the resident or POA to remove or release the stopper.

**ACTION:** Evaluate each identified bathtub or shower within the Unit by completing the following steps:  
 - Engage the handle or knob to verify if there is water supply to at least 1 bathtub or shower fixture.  
 - Turn off the water supply.  
 - Verify that water drains from the bathtub or shower.

**More Information:** - If a handle or knob is missing, but the inspector is able to evaluate if there is water supply to at least 1 bathtub or shower fixture, then evaluate the missing component(s) under Deficiency 3.  
 - If hot water does not dispense after the handle or knob is engaged, then it should be evaluated under the Water Heater standard.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Low Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 60 days

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Pass

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** N/A

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:** - Identify each bathtub or shower.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - If the stopper is engaged, ask the POA to remove or release the stopper.
- ACTION:** Evaluate each identified bathtub or shower within the Inside by completing the following steps:
- Engage the handle or knob to verify if there is water supply to at least 1 bathtub or shower fixture.
  - Turn off the water supply.
  - Verify that water drains from the bathtub or shower.
- More Information:**
- If a handle or knob is missing, but the inspector is able to evaluate if there is water supply to at least 1 bathtub or shower fixture, then evaluate the missing component(s) under Deficiency 3.
  - If hot water does not dispense after the handle or knob is engaged, then it should be evaluated under the Water Heater standard.

**DEFICIENCY 3 — UNIT:**            **BATHTUB COMPONENT OR SHOWER COMPONENT IS DAMAGED, INOPERABLE, OR MISSING SUCH THAT IT MAY LIMIT THE RESIDENT’S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN PERSONAL HYGIENE.**

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:**            Bathtub component or shower component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) such that it may limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.

OR

Bathtub component or shower component is inoperable (i.e., component is not meeting function or purpose, with or without visible damage) such that it may limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.

OR

Bathtub component or shower component is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but is now not present or is incomplete) such that it may limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:**    Moderate            The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:**            30 days  
**HCV PASS / FAIL**                            Fail  
**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:**        30 days

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**            - Identify all bathtubs or showers.  
                                      - Visually inspect to identify any component that is damaged, inoperable, or missing.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**       - None
- ACTION:**                    - If a damaged, inoperable, or missing component is identified, determine if it limits the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.
- More Information:**       - Damaged, inoperable, or missing components that may limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene may include but are not limited to:
- A singular water fixture within the bathtub or shower;
  - Control knob or lever;
  - Diverter valve;
  - Shower pan or tub; or
  - Discoloration impacting 50% or more of the bathtub or shower.
- If a stopper is damaged, inoperable, or missing, then it should be evaluated under Deficiency 4.
- In the event that a bathtub or shower was never installed within the Unit by design (e.g., in an SRO property), then the shared facilities are considered part of the Unit location for inspection purposes as they are the resident’s primary bathtub or shower.

**DEFICIENCY 3 — INSIDE:**            **BATHTUB COMPONENT OR SHOWER COMPONENT IS DAMAGED, INOPERABLE, OR MISSING SUCH THAT IT MAY LIMIT THE RESIDENT’S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN PERSONAL HYGIENE.**

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:**            Bathtub component or shower component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) such that it may limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.

OR

Bathtub component or shower component is inoperable (i.e., component is not meeting function or purpose, with or without visible damage) such that it may limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.

OR

Bathtub component or shower component is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but is now not present or is incomplete) such that it may limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:**    Low                    Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:**                60 days

**HCV PASS / FAIL**                                Pass

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:**            N/A

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:**                    - Identify all bathtubs or showers.  
    - Visually inspect to identify any component that is damaged, inoperable, or missing.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:**                - None

**ACTION:**                                - If a damaged, inoperable, or missing component is identified, determine if it limits the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.

**More Information:**                - Damaged, inoperable, or missing components that may limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene may include but are not limited to:  
    - A singular water fixture within the bathtub or shower;  
    - Control knob or lever;  
    - Diverter valve;  
    - Shower pan or tub; or  
    - Discoloration impacting 50% or more of the bathtub or shower.  
    - If a stopper is damaged, inoperable, or missing, then it should be evaluated under Deficiency 4.

**DEFICIENCY 4 — UNIT:**            **BATHTUB COMPONENT OR SHOWER COMPONENT IS DAMAGED, INOPERABLE, OR MISSING AND IT DOES NOT LIMIT THE RESIDENT’S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN PERSONAL HYGIENE.**

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:**            Bathtub component or shower component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) and it does not limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.

OR

Bathtub component or shower component is inoperable (i.e., component is not meeting function or purpose, with or without visible damage) and it does not limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.

OR

Bathtub component or shower component is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but is now not present or is incomplete) and it does not limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:**    Low                    Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:**                60 days

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**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:**            N/A

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**            - Identify all bathtubs or showers.  
                                      - Visually inspect to identify any component that is damaged, inoperable, or missing.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**       - None
- ACTION:**                    - If a damaged, inoperable, or missing component is identified, determine if it limits the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene.
- More Information:**       - Damaged, inoperable, or missing components that do not limit the resident’s ability to maintain personal hygiene may include but are not limited to:  
                                      - Stopper (mechanical or non-mechanical);  
                                      - Curtain; or  
                                      - Discoloration impacting less than 50% of the bathtub or shower.  
                                      - In the event that a bathtub or shower was never installed within the Unit by design (e.g., in an SRO property), then the shared facilities are considered part of the Unit location for inspection purposes as they are the resident’s primary bathtub or shower.



DEFICIENCY 5 — UNIT:                   BATHTUB OR SHOWER CANNOT BE USED IN PRIVATE.

AFFIRMATIVE HABITABILITY REQUIREMENT

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DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:                   Bathtub or shower cannot be used in private.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:   Moderate                   The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:               30 days  
HCV PASS / FAIL                         Fail  
HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:         30 days

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:                   - Identify all bathtubs or showers.  
   - Visually inspect to verify each bathtub or shower can be used in private.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:               - None
- ACTION:                            - None
- More Information:               - For the purpose of this Standard, the resident should be able to use the bathtub or shower without being observed from an adjacent room or exterior space.

**DEFICIENCY 5 — INSIDE:           BATHTUB OR SHOWER CANNOT BE USED IN PRIVATE.**

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**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:**           Bathtub or shower cannot be used in private.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:**   Moderate           The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:**           30 days

**HCV PASS / FAIL**                       Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:**       30 days

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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:**           - Identify all bathtubs or showers.  
                                  - Visually inspect to verify each bathtub or shower can be used in private.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:**       - None

**ACTION:**                   - None

**More Information:**       - For the purpose of this Standard, the resident should be able to use the bathtub or shower without being observed from an adjacent room or exterior space.