

**TITLE:** CLOTHES DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION  
**VERSION:** V3.0  
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**DEFINITION:** The system connected to the clothes dryer vent outlet that exhausts air from the dryer blower to a designated area.  
**PURPOSE:** Remove combustion gases (including carbon monoxide), heated air, moisture, and lint from the dryer to a designated area.  
**COMMON COMPONENTS:** Transition duct; Metal or aluminum ductwork; External louvered vent and cover; Water reservoir  
**LOCATION:**  Unit Laundry room, washer and dryer area  
 Inside Laundry room, washer and dryer area  
 Outside Exterior vent cover  
**MORE INFORMATION:**

- Use of a dryer vent lint trap box with water reservoir is allowed on electric dryers only and the reservoir must be filled with water.
- Listed and labeled condensing (ductless) dryers are exempt.
- If the dryer is not positioned for use (e.g., disconnected and removed from electrical and ducting connection points), then do not evaluate under this standard.

**DEFICIENCY 1:** Electric dryer transition duct is detached or missing.  
**LOCATION:**  Unit  Inside

**DEFICIENCY 2:** Gas dryer transition duct is detached or missing.  
**LOCATION:**  Unit  Inside

**DEFICIENCY 3:** Electric dryer exhaust ventilation system has restricted airflow.  
**LOCATION:**  Unit  Inside  Outside

**DEFICIENCY 4:** Exterior dryer vent cover, cap, or a component thereof is missing.  
**LOCATION:**  Outside

**DEFICIENCY 5:** Dryer transition duct is constructed of unsuitable material.  
**LOCATION:**  Unit  Inside

**DEFICIENCY 6:** Gas dryer exhaust ventilation system has restricted airflow.  
**LOCATION:**  Unit  Inside  Outside

**DEFICIENCY I — UNIT:** ELECTRIC DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS DETACHED OR MISSING.

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**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Electric dryer transition duct is detached or missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but is now not present or is incomplete).

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Life-Threatening      The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:**

- Look behind the clothes dryer and attempt to locate the dryer transition duct.
- Visually observe if the dryer transition duct is securely attached.
- If unable to locate the dryer transition duct, look behind the clothes dryer and observe if there is an accumulation of dryer lint, which indicates that the dryer transition duct may be detached or missing.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:** - None

**MORE INFORMATION:** - None

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:
- Look behind the clothes dryer and attempt to locate the dryer transition duct.
  - Visually observe if the dryer transition duct is securely attached.
  - If unable to locate the dryer transition duct, look behind the clothes dryer and observe if there is an accumulation of dryer lint, which indicates that the dryer transition duct may be detached or missing.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:
- If the laundry facility is locked, request access from the resident or POA.
  - If the dryer transition duct is concealed and reasonably accessible, request access from the POA.
- ACTION: - None
- MORE INFORMATION: - None
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**DEFICIENCY 2 — UNIT:** GAS DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS DETACHED OR MISSING.

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**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Gas dryer transition duct is detached or missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but is now not present or is incomplete).

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**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**
- Look behind the clothes dryer and attempt to locate the dryer transition duct.
  - Visually observe if the dryer transition duct is securely attached.
  - If unable to locate the dryer transition duct, look behind the clothes dryer and observe if there is an accumulation of dryer lint, which indicates that the dryer transition duct may be detached or missing.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:** - None
- MORE INFORMATION:**
- Misaligned ducting should be considered detached and evaluated under this deficiency.
  - A heat recovery device should be considered a deficiency under this standard.
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  - If unable to locate the dryer transition duct, look behind the clothes dryer and observe if there is an accumulation of dryer lint, which indicates that the dryer transition duct may be detached or missing.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- If the laundry facility is locked, request access from the resident or POA.
  - If the dryer transition duct is concealed and reasonably accessible, request access from the POA.
- ACTION:**
- None
- MORE INFORMATION:**
- Misaligned ducting should be considered detached and evaluated under this deficiency.
  - A heat recovery device should be considered a deficiency under this standard.
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**DEFICIENCY 3 — UNIT:** ELECTRIC DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.

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**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Electric dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Life-Threatening      The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:**

- Look at the exhaust ventilation system and identify the flexible duct line.
- Look at the entire duct line that runs from the back of the dryer.
- Look for crushed pipe or any unintentional kinks in the duct line.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:** - None

**MORE INFORMATION:** - Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:**

- Look at the exhaust ventilation system and identify the flexible duct line.
- Look at the entire duct line that runs from the back of the dryer.
- Look for crushed pipe or any unintentional kinks in the duct line.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:**

- If the laundry facility is locked, request access from the resident or POA.
- If the exhaust ventilation system is concealed and reasonably accessible, request access from the POA.

**ACTION:**

- None

**MORE INFORMATION:**

- Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

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**DEFICIENCY 3 — OUTSIDE: ELECTRIC DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.**

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**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:** - Look at the dryer exhaust ventilation system (e.g., external vent, damp), as applicable, to identify any blockages.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:** - None

**MORE INFORMATION:** - Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

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**DEFICIENCY 4 — OUTSIDE:** EXTERIOR DRYER VENT COVER, CAP, OR A COMPONENT THEREOF IS MISSING.

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**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Exterior dryer vent cover, cap, or a component thereof is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete).

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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

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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:** - Look at the exterior of the building to identify the location where the dryer ventilation system terminates.  
- Determine if the exterior dryer vent cover, cap, or any component thereof is missing.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:** - None

**More Information:** - None

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DEFICIENCY 5 — UNIT: DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS CONSTRUCTED OF UNSUITABLE MATERIAL.

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DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Dryer transition duct is not constructed of metal or an approved material.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Life-Threatening      The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the dryer transition duct and determine if it is constructed of metal or an approved material.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

More Information: - None

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the gas dryer vent and determine if it is constructed of metal.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - If the laundry facility is locked, request access from the resident or POA.  
- If the dryer transition duct is concealed and reasonably accessible, request access from the POA.

ACTION: - None

More Information: - None

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**DEFICIENCY 6 — UNIT:** GAS DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Life-Threatening      The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**
- Look at the exhaust ventilation system and identify the flexible duct line.
  - Look at the entire duct line that runs from the back of the dryer.
  - Look for crushed pipe or any unintentional kinks in the duct line.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:** - None

**MORE INFORMATION:** - Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

**DEFICIENCY 6 — INSIDE: GAS DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.**

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**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 24 hours

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**
- Look at the exhaust ventilation system and identify the flexible duct line.
  - Look at the entire duct line that runs from the back of the dryer.
  - Look for crushed pipe or any unintentional kinks in the duct line.

- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- If the laundry facility is locked, request access from the resident or POA.
  - If the exhaust ventilation system is concealed and reasonably accessible, request access from the POA.

**ACTION:** - None

**MORE INFORMATION:** - Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

**DEFICIENCY 6 — OUTSIDE:** GAS DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.

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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:** - Look at the dryer exhaust ventilation system (e.g., external vent, damp), as applicable, to identify any blockages.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:** - None

**More Information:** - Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

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