

TITLE: FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE ITEM
VERSION: V3.0
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DEFINITION: A combustible material is any material that, in the form in which it is used and under the conditions anticipated, will ignite and burn or will add appreciable heat to an ambient fire.

PURPOSE: None

COMMON COMPONENTS: None

LOCATION: Unit Within Unit, near water heater, furnace, stove, oven, fireplace, garage, attic, basement
 Inside Near water heater, near furnace, stove, oven, fireplace, garage, attic, basement
 Outside Outside of Unit, yard

MORE INFORMATION: None

DEFICIENCY 1: Flammable or combustible item is on or within 3 feet of an appliance that provides heat for thermal comfort or a fuel-burning water heater.

OR

Improperly stored chemicals.

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY 1 — UNIT: FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE ITEM IS ON OR WITHIN 3 FEET OF AN APPLIANCE THAT PROVIDES HEAT FOR THERMAL COMFORT OR A FUEL-BURNING WATER HEATER.
 OR
 IMPROPERLY STORED CHEMICALS.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Flammable or combustible item is on or within 3 feet of an appliance that provides heat for thermal comfort or a fuel-burning water heater.
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 Improperly stored chemicals.

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 for flammable or combustible items on or near an appliance that provides heat for thermal comfort.
 - Look for flammable or combustible items on or near a fuel-burning water heater.
 - Look for any improperly stored chemicals (e.g., paint, gasoline, etc.).
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- None
- ACTION:**
- If applicable, measure distance between the flammable or combustible item and the appliance that provides heat for thermal comfort.
 - If applicable, measure distance between the flammable or combustible item and the fuel-burning water heater.
- MORE INFORMATION:**
- Excluding heating oil in a heating oil tank, petroleum products (e.g., gasoline, kerosene, or propane) should never be stored in the Unit or Inside areas.
 - A combustible item in its original container and stored in a safe place (e.g., under a kitchen sink, in a hall closet, etc.) is not a deficiency.
 - Electrical components should not be evaluated as ignition sources under this standard.

DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE ITEM IS ON OR WITHIN 3 FEET OF AN APPLIANCE THAT PROVIDES HEAT FOR THERMAL COMFORT OR A FUEL-BURNING WATER HEATER.
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