

SINK

TITLE:

# NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF REAL ESTATE

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DEFINITION:	A basin with	A basin with hardware designed to dispense and hold clean water (hot and cold) and discharge wastewater.		
PURPOSE:	Typically used	Typically used for cooking, cleaning, and drinking.		
COMMON COMPONENTS:	Basin; Faucet;	Basin; Faucet; Handle; Drain; Drain line; Supply valve; Supply line; Splash guard; Drain control; Sink overflow		
LOCATION:	⊠ Uı	nit Kitche	en, bathroom, laundry area, and other interior space	
	⊠ In	side Kitche	n, bathroom, laundry area, and other interior space	
	Ou	utside None		
MORE INFORMATION:	If a sink does not hold water, then evaluate the condition under the Leak $-$ Water standard.			
DEFICIENCY 1: LOCATION:	Sink or sink comp	oonent is damaged Inside	or missing and the sink is not functionally adequate.	
DEFICIENCY 2:	Water is directed	ater is directed outside of the basin.		
LOCATION:	<b>⊠</b> Unit	<b>⊠</b> Inside		
DEFICIENCY 3:	Sink is not draini	ng.		
LOCATION:	<b>⊠</b> Unit	<b>⊠</b> Inside		
DEFICIENCY 4: LOCATION:	Sink is improperly  Unit	installed, pulling a	away from the wall, leaning, or there are gaps between the sink and wall.	
DEFICIENCY 5: LOCATION:	Sink component is	damaged or missi	ing and the sink is functionally adequate.	
DEFICIENCY 6: LOCATION:	Cannot activate or deactivate hot and cold water.    Unit — Affirmative Habitability Requirement   Inside			
DEFICIENCY 7: LOCATION:	Sink is missing or not installed within the primary kitchen.  ☑ Unit — Affirmative Habitability Requirement			

Deficiency I - Unit: SINK OR SINK COMPONENT IS DAMAGED OR MISSING AND THE SINK IS NOT FUNCTIONALLY ADEQUATE.

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Sink or sink component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) or missing (i.e., evidence of prior

installation, but now not present or is incomplete) and the sink is not functionally adequate.

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

30 days

#### INSPECTION PROCESS:

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 

OBSERVATION: - Visually inspect for any evidence of a sink's prior installation where it is now not present or is incomplete.

- Visually inspect any present sink for damage.

- Visually inspect for any component that is damaged or missing.

- Determine if sink is functionally adequate.

REQUEST FOR HELP:

- None

ACTION:

- None

More Information:

- If a sink is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete) or not installed (i.e., never installed, but should have been) in the primary kitchen, then evaluate the condition under Deficiency 7 of this
- A sink is not functionally adequate if it is unable to dispense and hold clean water and discharge wastewater.
- A stopper that is missing or is not functionally adequate should be evaluated under Deficiency 5 of this standard.



DEFICIENCY I-Inside: Sink or sink component is damaged or missing and the sink is not functionally adequate.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Sink or sink component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) or missing (i.e., evidence of prior

installation, but now not present or is incomplete) and the sink is not functionally adequate.

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:

HCV PASS / FAIL:

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- Determine if sink is functionally adequate.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

More Information: -

- If a sink is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete) or not installed (i.e., never installed, but should have been) in the primary kitchen, then evaluate the condition under Deficiency 7 of this standard.
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Deficiency 2 - Unit: Water is directed outside of the basin.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Water is directed outside of the basin.

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: - None

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Activate faucet.

- Confirm that water is directed into basin and not outside of the basin.

- Turn water control off.

More Information: - None



DEFICIENCY 2 - Inside: Water is directed outside of the basin.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Water is directed outside of the basin.

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: - None

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Activate faucet.

- Confirm that water is directed into basin and not outside of the basin.

- Turn water control off.

More Information: - None



Deficiency 3 - Unit: Sink is not draining.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Water is not draining from the basin of the sink.

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: - Look to see if water is draining.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Pull the stopper handle, or if available, insert the stopper in order to seal the drain.

- Activate the faucet to partially fill the sink with water.

- Push the stopper handle or remove the stopper.

More Information: - None



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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look to see if water is draining.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Pull the stopper handle, or if available, insert the stopper in order to seal the drain.

- Activate the faucet to partially fill the sink with water.

- Push the stopper handle or remove the stopper.

MORE INFORMATION: - None

Deficiency 4 - Unit:

SINK IS IMPROPERLY INSTALLED, PULLING AWAY FROM THE WALL, LEANING, OR THERE ARE GAPS BETWEEN THE SINK AND

WALL.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:

Sink is improperly installed, pulling away from the wall, leaning, or there are gaps between the sink and wall.

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:

- Inspect for the following:
  - Signs of the sink pulling away from the wall.
  - Presence of a gap between the sink and the wall.
  - Movement of the sink when activating the faucet.
  - The front edge of the sink leaning downward.
  - If the sink is mounted on a vanity, signs of separation at the seams of a vanity.
  - If the sink is mounted on a vanity, signs the vanity is pulling away from the wall.

REQUEST FOR HELP:

- None

ACTION:

- None

More Information:

- None

Deficiency 4 - Inside:

SINK IS IMPROPERLY INSTALLED, PULLING AWAY FROM THE WALL, LEANING, OR THERE ARE GAPS BETWEEN THE SINK AND

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DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:

Sink is improperly installed, pulling away from the wall, leaning, or there are gaps between the sink and wall.

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:

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  - If the sink is mounted on a vanity, signs of separation at the seams of a vanity.
  - If the sink is mounted on a vanity, signs the vanity is pulling away from the wall.

REQUEST FOR HELP:

- None

ACTION:

- None

More Information:

- None



DEFICIENCY 5 - Unit: Sink component is damaged or missing and the sink is functionally adequate.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Sink component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) or missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation,

but now not present or is incomplete) and the sink is functionally adequate.

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: - Visually inspect any present sink for damage.

- Visually inspect for any component that is damaged or missing.

- Determine if sink is functionally adequate.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - A stopper that is missing or is not functionally adequate should be evaluated under this deficiency.



DEFICIENCY 5 - Inside: Sink component is damaged or missing and the sink is functionally adequate.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Sink component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) or missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation,

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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: - Visually inspect any present sink for damage.

- Visually inspect for any component that is damaged or missing.

- Determine if sink is functionally adequate.

REQUEST FOR HELP:

None

ACTION:

- None

MORE INFORMATION:

- A stopper that is missing or is not functionally adequate should be evaluated under this deficiency.



Deficiency 6 - Unit: Cannot activate or deactivate hot and cold water.

Affirmative Habitability Requirement

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:

Control knobs do not activate or deactivate hot and cold water.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:

30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL:

Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:

30 days

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:

- None

REQUEST FOR HELP:

- None

ACTION:

- Activate control knobs to verify if both hot and cold water is dispensed and can be regulated.

- Turn the water control off.

- Verify water does not dispense when turned to the off position.

MORE INFORMATION:

- An intermittent drip should not be evaluated under this standard.

Deficiency 6 - Inside: Cannot activate or deactivate hot and cold water.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Control knobs do not activate or deactivate hot and cold water.

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their property could be compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:

30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL:

Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:

30 days

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - None

REQUEST FOR HELP:

- None

ACTION:

- Activate control knobs to verify if both hot and cold water is dispensed and can be regulated.

- Turn the water control off.

- Verify water does not dispense when turned to the off position.

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} MORE INFORMATION: & - An intermittent drip should not be evaluated under this standard. \\ \end{tabular}$ 



Deficiency 7 - Unit: Sink is missing or not installed within the primary kitchen.

Affirmative Habitability Requirement

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:

Sink is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete) or not installed (i.e., never

installed, but should have been) in the primary kitchen.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:

Moderate

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:

30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL:

Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:

30 days

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:

- Confirm sink is installed within the primary kitchen.

- Visually inspect for any evidence of a sink's prior installation where it is now not present or is incomplete.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION:

- None

MORE INFORMATION:

- None