

TITLE: TRIP HAZARD
VERSION: V3.0
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DEFINITION: Hazard caused by an abrupt change in vertical elevation or horizontal separation on any walking surface.

PURPOSE: None

COMMON COMPONENTS: None

LOCATION: Unit Throughout the Unit
 Inside Throughout the Inside
 Outside Throughout the Outside

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 or greater horizontal separation that is perpendicular to the path of travel.

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 at the walking surface along the normal path of travel to identify a significant difference in vertical elevation or horizontal separation.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:** - If identified, measure to determine if there is a ¼-inch or greater vertical separation or 2-inch or greater horizontal separation.
- MORE INFORMATION:** - If the walking area has an engineer-designed gap or vertical difference, this is not a tripping hazard (e.g., a raised manhole or a plant grate designed in the middle of a path of travel).
 - If a service access cover is missing and it is located along a walking surface, then it should be evaluated under this deficiency.

DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: TRIP HAZARD ON WALKING SURFACE.

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