

TITLE: [CLOTHES DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION](#)

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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.

NAME VARIANTS: Dryer exhaust vent; Air vent; Dryer lint trap box; Dryer lint trap box with water reservoir

COMMON MATERIALS: Metal; Aluminum; Plastic

COMMON COMPONENTS: Transition duct; Metal or aluminum ductwork; External louvered vent and cover; Water reservoir

LOCATION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unit	Laundry room, washer and dryer area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inside	Laundry room, washer and dryer area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.

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

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

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R1	Health	Indirect	Condition could affect resident's mental, or physical, or psychological state.	If the electric dryer transition duct is detached or missing, this may increase interior moisture levels, which provides an environment favorable for mold growth and may trigger respiratory issues.
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If the electric dryer transition duct is detached or missing, and there is a fire within the appliance or dryer transition duct, the ducting cannot adequately contain the fire, and the resident may be at an increased risk of injury or death.
R6	Usability and Operability of Fixtures	Direct	Because of this condition, the resident is unable to use certain fixtures, features, or appliances, which are reasonably assumed to be part of their rent.	If the electric dryer transition duct is detached or missing, then the resident may not be able to fully utilize features of an appliance.
M2	Routine Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	Property management would be expected to ensure that staff members understand how to identify an electric dryer transition duct that is detached or missing. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this deficiency, because it may result in health or safety hazards or usability barriers.

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

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Flashlight

USEFUL: - Inspection mirror

DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: [ELECTRIC DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS DETACHED OR MISSING.](#)

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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.

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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

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Flashlight

USEFUL: - Inspection mirror

DEFICIENCY 2 — UNIT: [GAS DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS DETACHED OR MISSING.](#)

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

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

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RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R1	Health	Direct	Condition could affect resident's mental, or physical, or psychological state.	If the gas dryer transition duct is detached or missing, then the resident may be at an increased risk of carbon monoxide exposure, which may cause respiratory issues or death due to carbon monoxide poisoning.
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If the gas dryer transition duct is detached or missing, and there is a fire within the appliance or dryer transition duct, the ducting cannot adequately contain the fire, and the resident may be at an increased risk of injury or death.
R6	Usability and Operability of Fixtures	Direct	Because of this condition, the resident is unable to use certain fixtures, features, or appliances, which are reasonably assumed to be part of their rent.	If the gas dryer transition duct is detached or missing, then the resident may not be able to safely utilize features of an appliance.
M2	Routine Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	Property management would be expected to ensure that staff members understand how to identify a gas dryer transition duct that is detached or missing. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this deficiency, because it may result in health hazards or usability barriers.

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

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Flashlight; Inspection mirror

USEFUL: - None

DEFICIENCY 2 — INSIDE: [GAS DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS DETACHED OR MISSING.](#)

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R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If the gas dryer transition duct is detached or missing, and there is a fire within the appliance or dryer transition duct, the ducting cannot adequately contain the fire, and the resident may be at an increased risk of injury or death.
R6	Usability and Operability of Fixtures	Direct	Because of this condition, the resident is unable to use certain fixtures, features, or appliances, which are reasonably assumed to be part of their rent.	If the gas dryer transition duct is detached or missing, then the resident may not be able to safely utilize features of an appliance.
M2	Routine Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	Property management would be expected to ensure that staff members understand how to identify a gas dryer transition duct that is detached or missing. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this deficiency, because it may result in health hazards or usability barriers.

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: - 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.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Flashlight; Inspection mirror

USEFUL: - None

DEFICIENCY 3 — UNIT: [ELECTRIC DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.](#)

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Electric 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.

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RATIONALE:

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R1	Health	Indirect	Condition could affect resident's mental, or physical, or psychological state.	If the electric dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, this may increase interior moisture levels, which provides an environment favorable for mold growth and may trigger respiratory issues.
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If the electric dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, and the clothes dryer achieves a high enough temperature due to the obstruction, there may be an increased safety risk to the resident of fire, which may result in injury or death.
R6	Usability and Operability of Fixtures	Direct	Because of this condition, the resident is unable to use certain fixtures, features, or appliances, which are reasonably assumed to be part of their rent.	If the electric dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, then the resident may not be able to fully utilize features of an appliance.
M1	Corrective Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect a tenant to report this deficiency, and for facilities management to prioritize a work order response to fix that deficiency.	A resident is likely to notice if the electric dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted within the unit and to recognize it is important enough to report it to property management because it may present usability barriers. Property management should be expected to prioritize a work order to remedy this deficiency because it may result in health or safety hazards.

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.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Flashlight

USEFUL: - Inspection mirror

DEFICIENCY 3 — INSIDE: [ELECTRIC DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.](#)

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R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If the electric dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, and the clothes dryer achieves a high enough temperature due to the obstruction, there may be an increased safety risk to the resident of fire, which may result in injury or death.
R6	Usability and Operability of Fixtures	Direct	Because of this condition, the resident is unable to use certain fixtures, features, or appliances, which are reasonably assumed to be part of their rent.	If the electric dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, then the resident may not be able to fully utilize features of an appliance.
M2	Routine Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	Property management would be expected to ensure that staff members understand how to identify an electric dryer exhaust ventilation system that is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this deficiency, because it may result in health or safety hazards or usability barriers.

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.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Flashlight

USEFUL: - Inspection mirror

DEFICIENCY 3 — OUTSIDE: [ELECTRIC DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.](#)

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M2	Routine Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	Property management would be expected to ensure that staff members understand how to identify an electric dryer exhaust ventilation system that is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this deficiency, because it may result in health or safety hazards or usability barriers.

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.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Flashlight

USEFUL: - Inspection mirror

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

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).

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

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

HCV PASS / FAIL: Pass

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
M2	Routine Maintenance	Indirect	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	Property management would be expected to ensure that staff members understand how to identify an exterior dryer vent cover, cap, or a component thereof that is missing. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this deficiency because it may allow pests to access the dryer ventilation system and build nests resulting in a blockage.

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

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - None

USEFUL: - Flashlight; Inspection mirror

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

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

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

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If the dryer transition duct is not constructed of metal or an approved material, and there is a fire within the appliance or dryer transition duct, the ducting cannot adequately contain the fire, and the resident may be at an increased risk of injury or death.
M2	Routine Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	Property management would be expected to ensure that staff members understand how to identify a dryer transition duct that is not constructed of metal or an approved material. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this deficiency because it may result in safety hazards.

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

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - None

USEFUL: - Flashlight

DEFICIENCY 5 — INSIDE: [DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS CONSTRUCTED OF UNSUITABLE MATERIAL.](#)

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CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If the dryer transition duct is not constructed of metal or an approved material, and there is a fire within the appliance or dryer transition duct, the ducting cannot adequately contain the fire, and the resident may be at an increased risk of injury or death.
M2	Routine Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	Property management would be expected to ensure that staff members understand how to identify a dryer transition duct that is not constructed of metal or an approved material. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this deficiency because it may result in safety hazards.

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

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED: - None
- USEFUL: - Flashlight

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.

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RATIONALE:

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R1	Health	Direct	Condition could affect resident's mental, or physical, or psychological state.	If the gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, then the resident may be at an increased risk of carbon monoxide exposure, which may cause respiratory issues or death due to carbon monoxide poisoning.
R1	Health	Direct	Condition could affect resident's mental, or physical, or psychological state.	If the gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, this may increase interior moisture levels, which provides an environment favorable for mold growth and may trigger respiratory issues.
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If the gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, and the clothes dryer achieves a high enough temperature due to the obstruction, there may be an increased safety risk to the resident of fire, which may result in injury or death.
R6	Usability and Operability of Fixtures	Direct	Because of this condition, the resident is unable to use certain fixtures, features, or appliances, which are reasonably assumed to be part of their rent.	If the gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, then the resident may not be able to fully utilize features of an appliance.
MI	Corrective Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect a tenant to report this deficiency, and for facilities management to prioritize a work order response to fix that deficiency.	A resident is likely to notice if the gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted within the unit and to recognize it is important enough to report it to property management because it may present usability barriers. Property management should be expected to prioritize a work order to remedy this deficiency because it may result in health or safety hazards.

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.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED:**
- None
- USEFUL:**
- None

DEFICIENCY 6 — INSIDE: [GAS DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.](#)

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R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If the gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, and the clothes dryer achieves a high enough temperature due to the obstruction, there may be an increased safety risk to the resident of fire, which may result in injury or death.
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M2	Corrective Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	Property management would be expected to ensure that staff members understand how to identify a gas dryer exhaust ventilation system that is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this deficiency, because it may result in health or safety hazards or usability barriers

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.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED:**
- None
- USEFUL:**
- None
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RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R1	Health	Direct	Condition could affect resident's mental, or physical, or psychological state.	If the gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, then the resident may be at an increased risk of carbon monoxide exposure, which may cause respiratory issues or death due to carbon monoxide poisoning.
R1	Health	Direct	Condition could affect resident's mental, or physical, or psychological state.	If the gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, this may increase interior moisture levels, which provides an environment favorable for mold growth and may trigger respiratory issues.
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If the gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, and the clothes dryer achieves a high enough temperature due to the obstruction, there may be an increased safety risk to the resident of fire, which may result in injury or death.
R6	Usability and Operability of Fixtures	Direct	Because of this condition, the resident is unable to use certain fixtures, features, or appliances, which are reasonably assumed to be part of their rent.	If the gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted, then the resident may not be able to fully utilize features of an appliance.
M2	Corrective Maintenance	Direct	It is reasonable to expect that this deficiency would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.	Property management would be expected to ensure that staff members understand how to identify a gas dryer exhaust ventilation system that is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted. Management practices would be expected to assure prompt creation and prioritization of a work order to remedy this deficiency, because it may result in health or safety hazards or usability barriers

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.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED:** - None
- USEFUL:** - None
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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

TITLE: CLOTHES DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION
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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
Title	Revised title	V2.1	2021-04-02
Definition	Revised definition		
Purpose	Revised purpose		
Common Materials	Revised common materials		
Location	Revised Outside explanation	V2.1	2021-04-02
More Information	Revised response	V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency 1		V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Unit & Inside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit & Inside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit & Inside: Revised to "Life-Threatening"		
Rationale	Unit & Inside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit & Inside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 2		V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Unit & Inside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit & Inside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Rationale	Unit & Inside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit & Inside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 3		V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Rationale	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised rationales and explanations		

Inspection Process	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 4		V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Outside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Outside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Outside: Revised to "N/A"		
Rationale	Outside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Outside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 5		V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Unit & Inside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit & Inside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Rationale	Unit & Inside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit & Inside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 6	Removed previous deficiency 6; captured under deficiency 3 and revised deficiency 6	V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised to "Life-Threatening"		
Rationale	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 1		V2.0	2020-10-28
Deficiency Criteria	Copy edits		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Copy edits		
Deficiency 2		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		

Rationale	Copy edits		
Deficiency 3		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Inspection Process	Copy edits		
Deficiency 4		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Deficiency 5		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to "Life-Threatening"		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Copy edits		
Deficiency 6		V2.0	2020-10-28
Deficiency Criteria	Copy edits		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Overall Formatting	Complete rework of document format and layout	VI.3	2020-07-31
Definition	Revised definition	VI.3	2020-07-31
Purpose	Field added	VI.3	2020-07-31
Name Variants	Revised name variants	VI.3	2020-07-31
Common Materials	Revised common materials	VI.3	2020-07-31
Common Components	Revised common components	VI.3	2020-07-31
Location	Revised inspectable locations	VI.3	2020-07-31
More Information	Field added	VI.3	2020-07-31
Deficiency I	Separated by inspectable locations — Unit and Inside	VI.3	2020-07-31

Title	Revised title; added inspectable locations		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to "Standard" determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "Within 30 days"		
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "Within 30 days"		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency; response revised		
Deficiency 2	Separated by inspectable locations – Unit and Inside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Revised title; added inspectable locations		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to "Life-Threatening" determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "24 hours"		
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "24 hours"		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency; response revised		
Deficiency 3	Separated by inspectable locations – Unit and Inside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added inspectable locations		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to "Life-Threatening" determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "24 hours"		
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "24 hours"		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency; response revised		
Deficiency 4	Added by inspectable location – Outside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added title; added inspectable location		

Deficiency Criteria	Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Added “Standard” determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”		
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”		
Rationale	Added rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Added observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency		
Deficiency 5	Added by inspectable locations – Unit and Inside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added title; added inspectable locations		
Deficiency Criteria	Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Added “Standard” determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”		
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”		
Rationale	Added rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Added observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency		
Deficiency 6	Added by inspectable location – Outside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added title; added inspectable location		
Deficiency Criteria	Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to “Life-Threatening” determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “24 hours”		
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “24 hours”		
Rationale	Added rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Added observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency		



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