

TITLE: [ELECTRICAL – OUTLET AND SWITCH](#)

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DEFINITION: Installations that connect to an electricity supply.

PURPOSE: Allows users to safely access power to energize electrical devices.

NAME VARIANTS: Electrical socket; Power socket; Electrical receptacle; Electrical outlet

COMMON MATERIALS: Metal; Plastic

COMMON COMPONENTS: Receptacle; Outlet; Faceplate

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

MORE INFORMATION: None

DEFICIENCY 1: Outlet or switch is damaged.

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY 2: Testing indicates a three-pronged outlet is not properly wired or grounded.

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY 3: An unprotected outlet is present within six feet of a water source.

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY 4: Outlet does not have visible damage and testing indicates it is not energized.

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: OUTLET OR SWITCH IS DAMAGED.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Any portion of a visually accessible (i.e., can be reasonably accessed and observed) outlet or switch is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) such that it may not safely carry or control electrical current at the outlet or switch.

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	Direct	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If any portion of a visually accessible outlet or switch is damaged such that it may not safely carry or control electrical current at the outlet or switch, then there may be an increased safety risk to the resident of fire or electrical shock, which may result in injury or death.
R6	Usability or 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 any portion of a visually accessible outlet or switch is damaged such that it may not safely carry or control electrical current at the outlet or switch, then the resident may not be able to safely use appliances, lighting fixtures, or other devices.
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 any portion of a visually accessible outlet or switch is damaged such that it may not safely carry or control electrical current at the outlet or switch and recognize it is important enough to report to property management because it may present safety hazards. Property management should be expected to prioritize a work order to remedy this deficiency because it may result in safety hazards or usability barriers.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:**
- Identify all outlets and switches.
 - Look at each outlet and switch for signs of damage (e.g., smoke, burn marks, arcing).
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- If a personal item (e.g., clothing, small appliance, plant, toy) is concealing the outlet or switch and can reasonably be removed, ask the resident to move the item.
- ACTION:**
- None
- More Information:**
- An electrical conductor that is not enclosed or properly insulated should be evaluated under the Electrical — Conductor standard.

- An outlet that is inoperable but does not have visible damage should be evaluated under Deficiency 4 of this standard.
- A switch that is inoperable but does not have visible damage and corresponds to a hard-wired fixture or appliance should be evaluated under the respective item's standard. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - Lighting – Interior
 - Lighting – Exterior
 - Lighting – Auxiliary
 - Electrical – Conductor Standard (i.e., missing lightbulb, damaged cover plate)
 - Sharp Edges (e.g., broken lightbulb)
 - Water Heater
 - Cooking Appliance
 - Garage Door
 - Kitchen Ventilation

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED: - None
- USEFUL: - Flashlight; Inspection Mirror
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DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: OUTLET OR SWITCH IS DAMAGED.

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R6	Usability or 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 any portion of a visually accessible outlet or switch is damaged such that it may not safely carry or control electrical current at the outlet or switch, then the resident may not be able to safely use appliances, lighting fixtures, or other devices.
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 if any portion of a visually accessible outlet or switch is damaged such that it may not safely carry or control electrical current at the outlet or switch. 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 or usability barriers.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:**
- Identify all outlets and switches.
 - Look at each outlet and switch for signs of damage (e.g., smoke, burn marks, arcing).
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- If an item (e.g., small appliance, plant, decorative item) is concealing the outlet or switch and can reasonably be removed, ask the POA to move the item.
- ACTION:**
- None
- More Information:**
- An electrical conductor that is not enclosed or properly insulated should be evaluated under the Electrical — Conductor standard.

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 - Garage Door
 - Kitchen Ventilation

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED: - None
- USEFUL: - Flashlight; Inspection Mirror
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DEFICIENCY I — OUTSIDE: OUTLET OR SWITCH IS DAMAGED.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Any portion of a visually accessible (i.e., can be reasonably accessed and observed) outlet or switch is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) such that it may not safely carry or control electrical current at the outlet or switch.

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:**
- Identify all outlets and switches.
 - Look at each outlet and switch for signs of damage (e.g., smoke, burn marks, arcing).
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- If an item (e.g., plant, decorative item) is concealing the outlet or switch and can reasonably be removed, ask the POA to move the item.
- ACTION:**
- None
- More Information:**
- An electrical conductor that is not enclosed or properly insulated should be evaluated under the Electrical — Conductor standard.

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 - Water Heater
 - Cooking Appliance
 - Garage Door
- Kitchen Ventilation

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED: - None
- USEFUL: - Flashlight; Inspection mirror
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DEFICIENCY 2 — UNIT: TESTING INDICATES A THREE-PRONGED OUTLET IS NOT PROPERLY WIRED OR GROUNDED.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Testing of a three-pronged outlet that is reasonably accessible (i.e., can be reached without moving obstructions, dismantling, destructive measures, or actions that may pose a risk to persons or property) indicates that it is not properly wired or grounded.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Severe Non-Life-Threatening The Severe Non-Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of permanent disability, or serious injury or illness, to a resident; or the physical security or safety of a resident or their property would be seriously compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours
HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail
HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If testing of a three-pronged outlet that is reasonably accessible indicates that it is not properly wired or grounded, and a device is plugged into the outlet, then the outlet may not safely conduct the electrical current through the device, which may result in an increased risk to the resident of electrical shock.
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 testing of a three-pronged outlet that is reasonably accessible indicates that it is not properly wired or grounded, then the resident may not be able to safely use the outlet, which may result in limited use of appliances or lighting fixtures.
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 three-pronged outlet that is reasonably accessible and is not properly wired or grounded. 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 or usability barriers.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:** - Identify all three-pronged outlets that are reasonably accessible.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - If a personal item (e.g., clothing, small appliance, plant, toy) is concealing the outlet and can reasonably be removed, ask the resident to move the item.
- ACTION:** - Using a three-pronged outlet tester, determine whether the outlet is properly wired and grounded.

- More Information:
- A three-pronged, ungrounded outlet that is GFCI-protected is not considered a deficiency.
 - An outlet that is not energized and does not have visible damage should be evaluated under Deficiency 4 of this standard.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED: - Electrical testing equipment
- USEFUL: - Flashlight

DEFICIENCY 2 — INSIDE: [TESTING INDICATES A THREE-PRONGED OUTLET IS NOT PROPERLY WIRED OR GROUNDED.](#)

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Severe Non-Life-Threatening The Severe Non-Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of permanent disability, or serious injury or illness, to a resident; or the physical security or safety of a resident or their property would be seriously compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours
HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail
HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

RATIONALE:

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R2	Safety	Direct	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If testing of a three-pronged outlet that is reasonably accessible indicates that it is not properly wired or grounded, and a device is plugged into the outlet, then the outlet may not safely conduct the electrical current through the device, which may result in an increased risk to the resident of electrical shock.
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 three-pronged outlet that is reasonably accessible and is not properly wired or grounded. 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 or usability barriers.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:** - Identify all three-pronged outlets that are reasonably accessible.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - If an item (e.g., small appliance, plant, decorative item) is concealing the outlet and can reasonably be removed, ask the POA to move the item.
- ACTION:** - Using a three-pronged outlet tester, determine whether the outlet is properly wired and grounded.
- More Information:** - A three-pronged, ungrounded outlet that is GFCI-protected is not considered a deficiency.
 - An outlet that is not energized and does not have visible damage should be evaluated under Deficiency 4 of this standard.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Electrical testing equipment

USEFUL: - Flashlight

DEFICIENCY 2 — OUTSIDE: [TESTING INDICATES A THREE-PRONGED OUTLET IS NOT PROPERLY WIRED OR GROUNDED.](#)

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RATIONALE:

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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 a three-pronged outlet that is reasonably accessible and is not properly wired or grounded. 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 or usability barriers.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:** - Identify all three-pronged outlets that are reasonably accessible.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - If an item (e.g., plant, decorative item) is concealing the outlet and can reasonably be removed, ask the POA to move the item.
- ACTION:** - Using a three-pronged outlet tester, determine whether the outlet is properly wired and grounded.
- More Information:** - A three-pronged, ungrounded outlet that is GFCI-protected is not considered a deficiency.
 - An outlet that is not energized and does not have visible damage should be evaluated under Deficiency 4 of this standard.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Electrical testing equipment

USEFUL: - Flashlight

DEFICIENCY 3 — UNIT: AN UNPROTECTED OUTLET IS PRESENT WITHIN SIX FEET OF A WATER SOURCE.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: An unprotected outlet is present within six feet of a water source (i.e., sink, bathtub, shower, water faucet, toilet) that is located in the same room.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Severe Non-Life-Threatening The Severe Non-Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of permanent disability, or serious injury or illness, to a resident; or the physical security or safety of a resident or their property would be seriously compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If a device is plugged into an unprotected outlet that is present within six feet of a water source within the same room, then there may be an increased safety risk to the resident of electrical shock, which may result in injury.
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 unprotected outlet that is present within six feet of a water source that is located in the same room. 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:**
- Identify all outlets within the Unit.
 - Identify water sources (i.e., sink, bathtub, shower, water faucet, toilet) within the same room as each outlet.
 - Determine if each outlet within six feet of a water source is protected.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- If a personal item (e.g., clothing, small appliance, plant, toy) is concealing the outlet and can reasonably be removed, ask the resident to move the item.
- ACTION:**
- Once identified, measure from the center of each water source to the center of each outlet located within the same room.
- More Information:**
- An outlet designated for a major appliance (e.g., water heater, HVAC, refrigerator, washing machine, dishwasher, garbage disposal, microwave, etc.) should not be evaluated under this standard, regardless of its distance from the water source.
 - An outlet located below a countertop and within an enclosed cabinet should not be evaluated under this standard, regardless of its distance from the water source.

- Examples of outlet protection methods include, but are not limited to: GFCI outlet, GFCI breaker, or an outlet wired in series that is protected by another GFCI outlet.
- An electrical conductor that is not enclosed or properly insulated should be evaluated under the Electrical — Conductor standard.
- An environmental water intrusion should be evaluated under the Leak standard.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED: - Distance measuring device
- USEFUL: - Flashlight

DEFICIENCY 3 — INSIDE: [AN UNPROTECTED OUTLET IS PRESENT WITHIN SIX FEET OF A WATER SOURCE.](#)

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: An unprotected outlet is present within six feet of a water source (i.e., sink, bathtub, shower, water faucet, toilet) that is located in the same room.

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If a device is plugged into an unprotected outlet that is present within six feet of a water source within the same room, then there may be an increased safety risk to the resident of electrical shock, which may result in injury.
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 unprotected outlet that is present within six feet of a water source that is located in the same room. 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:**
- Identify all outlets within the Inside area.
 - Identify water sources (i.e., sink, bathtub, shower, water faucet, toilet) within the same room as each outlet.
 - Determine if each outlet within six feet of a water source is protected.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- If an item (e.g., small appliance, plant, decorative item) is concealing the outlet and can reasonably be removed, ask the POA to move the item.
- ACTION:**
- Once identified, measure from the center of each water source to the center of each outlet located within the same room.
- More Information:**
- An outlet designated for a major appliance (e.g., water heater, HVAC, refrigerator, washing machine, dishwasher, garbage disposal, microwave, etc.) should not be evaluated under this standard, regardless of its distance from the water source.
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TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

- REQUIRED: - Distance measuring device
- USEFUL: - Flashlight

DEFICIENCY 3 — OUTSIDE: [AN UNPROTECTED OUTLET IS PRESENT WITHIN SIX FEET OF A WATER SOURCE.](#)

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: An unprotected outlet is present throughout the Outside.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Severe Non-Life-Threatening The Severe Non-Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of permanent disability, or serious injury or illness, to a resident; or the physical security or safety of a resident or their property would be seriously compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours
 HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail
 HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If a device is plugged into an unprotected outlet within the Outside area, then there may be an increased safety risk to the resident of electrical shock, which may result in injury.
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 unprotected outlet that is present within the Outside area. 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: - Identify all outlets throughout the Outside.
 - Determine if each outlet is protected.
- REQUEST FOR HELP: - If an item (e.g., plant, decorative item) is concealing the outlet and can reasonably be removed, ask the POA to move the item.
- ACTION: - None
- More Information: - Examples of outlet protection methods include, but are not limited to: GFCI outlet, GFCI breaker, or an outlet wired in series that is protected by another GFCI outlet.
 - An electrical conductor that is not enclosed or properly insulated should be evaluated under the Electrical — Conductor standard.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - None

USEFUL: - Flashlight

DEFICIENCY 4 — UNIT: OUTLET DOES NOT HAVE VISIBLE DAMAGE AND TESTING INDICATES IT IS NOT ENERGIZED.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: An outlet that is reasonably accessible (i.e., can be reached without moving obstructions, dismantling, destructive measures, or actions that may pose a risk to persons or property) does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Severe Non-Life-Threatening The Severe Non-Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of permanent disability, or serious injury or illness, to a resident; or the physical security or safety of a resident or their property would be seriously compromised.

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RATIONALE:

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R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If an outlet that is reasonably accessible does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized, then the outlet may not safely conduct the electrical current through the device, possibly resulting in an increased safety risk to the resident of fire, which may result in injury.
R6	Usability or 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 an outlet that is reasonably accessible does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized, then the resident may not be able to safely use the outlet, which may result in limited use of devices.
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 an outlet is not energized 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 for an outlet that does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized because it may result in safety hazards or usability barriers.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:** - Identify all outlets that are reasonably accessible.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - If a personal item (e.g., clothing, small appliance, plant, toy) is concealing the outlet and can reasonably be removed, ask the resident to move the item.
- ACTION:** - Using an outlet tester, determine whether the outlet is energized.

More Information: - None

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Electrical testing equipment

USEFUL: - Flashlight

DEFICIENCY 4 — INSIDE: OUTLET DOES NOT HAVE VISIBLE DAMAGE AND TESTING INDICATES IT IS NOT ENERGIZED.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: An outlet that is reasonably accessible (i.e., can be reached without moving obstructions, dismantling, destructive measures, or actions that may pose a risk to persons or property) does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Severe Non-Life-Threatening The Severe Non-Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of permanent disability, or serious injury or illness, to a resident; or the physical security or safety of a resident or their property would be seriously compromised.

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R6	Usability or 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 an outlet that is reasonably accessible does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized, then the resident may not be able to safely use the outlet, which may result in limited use of devices.
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 outlet that does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized. 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 or usability barriers.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:** - Identify all outlets that are reasonably accessible.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - If an item (e.g., small appliance, plant, decorative item) is concealing the outlet and can reasonably be removed, ask the POA to move the item.
- ACTION:** - Using an outlet tester, determine whether the outlet is energized.

More Information: - None

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Electrical testing equipment

USEFUL: - Flashlight

DEFICIENCY 4 — OUTSIDE: OUTLET DOES NOT HAVE VISIBLE DAMAGE AND TESTING INDICATES IT IS NOT ENERGIZED.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: An outlet that is reasonably accessible (i.e., can be reached without moving obstructions, dismantling, destructive measures, or actions that may pose a risk to persons or property) does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Severe Non-Life-Threatening The Severe Non-Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of permanent disability, or serious injury or illness, to a resident; or the physical security or safety of a resident or their property would be seriously compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours
HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail
HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

RATIONALE:

CODE	CATEGORY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
R2	Safety	Indirect	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If an outlet that is reasonably accessible does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized, then the outlet may not safely conduct the electrical current through the device, possibly resulting in an increased safety risk to the resident of fire, which may result in injury.
R6	Usability or 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 an outlet that is reasonably accessible does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized, then the resident may not be able to safely use the outlet, which may result in limited use of devices.
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 outlet that does not have visible damage and testing indicates that it is not energized. 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 or usability barriers.

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:** - Identify all outlets that are reasonably accessible.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - If an item (e.g., plant, decorative item) is concealing the outlet and can reasonably be removed, ask the POA to move the item.
- ACTION:** - Using an outlet tester, determine whether the outlet is energized.

More Information: - None

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Electrical testing equipment

USEFUL: - Flashlight

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

TITLE: ELECTRICAL — OUTLET AND SWITCH

VERSION: V2.1

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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
Name Variants	Revised name variants	V2.1	2021-04-02
Common Components	Revised common components	V2.1	2021-04-02
Location		V2.1	2021-04-02
Unit	Revised description		
Inside	Revised description		
Outside	Revised description		
Deficiency 1		V2.1	2021-04-02
Title	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Rationale	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised rationales, types, and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised useful tools or equipment		
Deficiency 2		V2.1	2021-04-02
Title	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised to "Severe Non-Life-Threatening"		
Rationale	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised rationales, types, and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised useful tools or equipment		
Deficiency 3		V2.1	2021-04-02

Title	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised to "Severe Non-Life-Threatening"		
Rationale	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised rationales, types, and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised required and useful tools or equipment		
Deficiency 4	Added deficiency	V2.1	2021-04-02
Title	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Added title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Added determination of "Severe Non-Life-Threatening"		
Rationale	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Added rationales, types, and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Added observation, request for help, and action		
Tools or Equipment	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Added required and useful tools or equipment		
Title	Copyedits	V2.0	2020-10-28
Name Variants	Copyedits	V2.0	2020-10-28
Deficiency 1		V2.0	2020-10-28
Title	Copyedits		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, action, and more information		
Deficiency 2		V2.0	2020-10-28
Title	Copyedits		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		

Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, action, and more information		
Deficiency 3		V2.0	2020-10-28
Title	Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Revised required tools		
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 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, Inside, and Outside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Revised title; added inspectable locations		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to "Severe Non-Life-Threatening" determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "24 hours"		
HCV — Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "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		

Deficiency 2	Added by inspectable locations — Unit, Inside, and Outside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added title; added inspectable locations		
Deficiency Criteria	Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Added 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	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; response revised		
Deficiency 3	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 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	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; response revised		
Item Name	Updated	VI-1	2019-11-25
Definition	Updated	VI-1	2019-11-25
Name Variants	Added	VI-1	2019-11-25
Most Common Components	Added	VI-1	2019-11-25
Abilities or Knowledge Needed	Removed	VI-1	2019-11-25
Common Locations	Updated	VI-1	2019-11-25
How to Locate	Removed	VI-1	2019-11-25
Deficiency 1	Updated	VI-1	2019-11-25

Rationale	Updated
Health and Safety	Updated
How to Inspect	Updated
Inspection Process and Procedures	Updated
Record Deficiency if	Updated
