

TITLE: [FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE ITEM](#)

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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

NAME VARIANTS: None

COMMON MATERIALS: Paper; Plastic; Chemicals; Fabric; Paint; Gasoline; Propane; Solvents; Oxygen tank

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: Improperly stored flammable or combustible item on or near an ignition source.

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: IMPROPERLY STORED FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE ITEM ON OR NEAR AN IGNITION SOURCE.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Flammable or combustible material is on or near an ignition source.
 OR
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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.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look for flammable or combustible items on or near an ignition source, or improperly stored chemicals (e.g., paints, gasoline, etc.).

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

More Information: - Combustible items such as hairspray, nail polish remover, butane lighter fluid, charcoal lighter fluid, or paint thinner in their original containers and stored in a safe place (e.g., under a kitchen sink, in a hall closet, etc.) are not a deficiency. If the above items are stored in close proximity to an open flame, or electrical or heat source, this deficiency should be recorded.
 - Easily combustible items such as paper, plastic, clothing, etc. in contact with a heat source or near an open flame should also be recorded as a deficiency.
 - Petroleum products such as gasoline, kerosene, or propane should never be stored in a unit; record a deficiency when observed, even if they are not near an ignition source.
 - Do not record a deficiency for propane tanks or gas-powered equipment stored outside of the Unit, to include resident-owned storage rooms only accessible from the Outside of the building.

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - None

USEFUL: - Flashlight

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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
----	Copyedits	V2.1	2021-04-02
Location	Copyedits	V2.0	2020-10-28
Deficiency I		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		
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
Common Materials	Revised common materials	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	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		

Rationales	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-23
Health and Safety Determinations	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-23
