

TITLE: [TRIP HAZARD](#)

VERSION: V2.1

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DEFINITION: Hazard caused by an abrupt change in vertical elevation or horizontal separation on any walking surface.

PURPOSE: None

NAME VARIANTS: Tripping hazard; Walking hazard; Obstacle

COMMON MATERIALS: Cords; Concrete; Tile; Carpet; Buckling floors; Metal

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 horizontal separation perpendicular to the path of travel.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Standard The Standard 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
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RATIONALE:

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R2	Safety	Direct	Resident could be injured because of this condition.	If there is an abrupt change in vertical elevation or horizontal separation on any walking surface along the normal path of travel, then there is an increased probability of falls that may lead to injury.
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.	If there is an abrupt change in vertical elevation or horizontal separation on any walking surface along the normal path of travel, then the resident will likely report it and the presence of this deficiency may indicate that complaint-based work orders are not being addressed.
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.	If there is an abrupt change in vertical elevation or horizontal separation on any walking surface along the normal path of travel, then it should be observed through regular maintenance activities and the presence of this deficiency may indicate that self-generated work orders are not being addressed.

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 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).

TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT:

REQUIRED: - Distance measuring device

USEFUL: - None

DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: [TRIP HAZARD ON WALKING SURFACE.](#)

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
----	Copyedits	V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency I		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Copyedits		
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	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 request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency		
Rationales	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-26

Health and Safety Determinations

Updated following in-house review and public comment

VI-2

2019-12-26
