

TITLE: TRIP HAZARD
VERSION: V2.1
DATE PUBLISHED: 4/2/21

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
HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

RATIONALE:

| CODE | CATEGORY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | EXPLANATION |
|------|------------------------|--------|---|---|
| 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.

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
HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

RATIONALE:

| CODE | CATEGORY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | EXPLANATION |
|------|------------------------|--------|---|---|
| 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 — OUTSIDE: 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
HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

RATIONALE:

| CODE | CATEGORY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | EXPLANATION |
|------|------------------------|--------|---|---|
| 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

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

TITLE: TRIP HAZARD
VERSION: V2.1
DATE PUBLISHED: 4/2/21

| 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
