TITLE: ELECTRICAL — GROUND-FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER (GFCI) OR ARC-FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER (AFCI) — OUTLET OR BREAKER

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DEFINITION: Electrical protection devices

PURPOSE: Protect individuals from electrical shock due to ground faults and against fires caused by arc faults

COMMON COMPONENTS: Receptacle or outlet; Faceplate; Test and reset buttons; Circuit breaker

LOCATION: Unit: Living room, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, office, mechanical room, closet, hallway, any wall surface; Inside: Living room, kitchen, bathroom, office, mechanical room, closet, hallway, any wall surface; Outside: Exterior wall surface, service panels, or site

MORE INFORMATION: None

DEFICIENCY 1: GFCI outlet or GFCI breaker is not visibly damaged and the test or reset button is inoperable.
LOCATION: Unit: □; Inside: □; Outside: □

DEFICIENCY 2: AFCI outlet or AFCI breaker is not visibly damaged and the test or reset button is inoperable.
LOCATION: Unit: □; Inside: □; Outside: □
DEFICIENCY I — UNIT:  GFCI OUTLET OR GFCI BREAKER IS NOT VISIBLY DAMAGED AND THE TEST OR RESET BUTTON IS INOPERABLE.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:  GFCI outlet or GFCI breaker does not have visible damage and the test or reset button is inoperable (i.e., overall system or component thereof is not meeting function or purpose).

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

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:  - Identify all GFCI outlets and GFCI breakers.

REQUEST FOR HELP:  - Notify the POA that these circuits will be interrupted and may impact electrical devices (e.g., computer, medical device, television) on the same circuit as the GFCI outlet or GFCI breaker being tested.
- If a personal item (e.g., clothing, small appliance, plant, toy) is concealing the GFCI outlet or GFCI breaker and can reasonably be removed, ask the resident to move the item.

ACTION:  - Engage the test button on each GFCI outlet and GFCI breaker.
- After engaging the test button, determine if the GFCI outlet or GFCI breaker trips.
- Then, engage the reset button.

MORE INFORMATION:  - Some outlets are wired in series and may have one GFCI that provides protection to the entire series.
- A GFCI outlet or GFCI breaker test or reset button that is missing and results in an exposed conductor should be evaluated under the Electrical — Conductor standard.
Deficiency I — Inside: GFCI outlet or GFCI breaker is not visibly damaged and the test or reset button is inoperable.

Deficiency Criteria: GFCI outlet or GFCI breaker does not have visible damage and the test or reset button is inoperable (i.e., overall system or component thereof is not meeting function or purpose).

Health and Safety Determination: Severe Non-Life-Threatening

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Inspection Process:

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