

**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

**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

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**DEFICIENCY 1:** Improperly stored flammable or combustible item on or near an ignition source.

**LOCATION:**  Unit  Inside  Outside

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**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  
 Improperly stored chemicals.

**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

**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.

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

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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
----	<b>Abbreviated published version</b>	V2.2	2022-06-23
Name Variants	Removed from published version		
Common Materials	Removed from published version		
Rationale	Removed from published version		
Tools or Equipment	Removed from published version		
----	<b>Copyedits</b>	V2.1	2021-04-02
Location	<b>Copyedits</b>	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		
<b>Overall Formatting</b>	<b>Complete rework of document format and layout</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Definition</b>	<b>Revised definition</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Field added</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Common Materials</b>	<b>Revised common materials</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Location</b>	<b>Revised inspectable locations</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>More Information</b>	<b>Field added</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>Deficiency I</b>	<b>Separated by inspectable locations – Unit, Inside, and Outside</b>	V1.3	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		
<b>Rationales</b>	<b>Updated following in-house review and public comment</b>	<b>VI-2</b>	<b>2019-12-23</b>
<b>Health and Safety Determinations</b>	<b>Updated following in-house review and public comment</b>	<b>VI-2</b>	<b>2019-12-23</b>