

**TITLE:** KITCHEN COUNTERTOP  
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**DEFINITION:** Flat surface installations in kitchens or food preparation spaces.  
**PURPOSE:** Generally used for food preparation and is made of nonporous surfaces designed to be cleaned.  
**COMMON COMPONENTS:** Nonporous surface; Backsplash  
**LOCATION:**  Unit Kitchen or food preparation space  
 Inside Kitchen or food preparation space  
 Outside None  
**MORE INFORMATION:** None

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**DEFICIENCY 1:** Countertop is missing.  
**LOCATION:**  Unit  Inside

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**DEFICIENCY 2:** Countertop is damaged or is not functionally adequate.  
**LOCATION:**  Unit  Inside

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DEFICIENCY I — UNIT:            COUNTERTOP IS MISSING.

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DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:            Countertop is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete) from the kitchen or food preparation space.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:    Moderate            The Moderate 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

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:                      - Look in the kitchen and food preparation space for evidence of a countertop that was previously installed but is now not present or is incomplete.

REQUEST FOR HELP:                - None

ACTION:                                - None

MORE INFORMATION:                - None

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**ACTION:** - None

**MORE INFORMATION:** - None

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**DEFICIENCY 2 — UNIT: COUNTERTOP IS DAMAGED OR IS NOT FUNCTIONALLY ADEQUATE.**

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Exposed substrate surface comprises at least 10% or more of the total kitchen countertop or food preparation space.  
 OR  
 The kitchen countertop or food preparation space is not functionally adequate (i.e., it does not reasonably allow for adequate preparation of food).

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**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

**OBSERVATION:**

- Look at the kitchen countertop for damaged areas, delamination, or burns that would lead to exposed substrate.
- If damage is visible, determine the cumulative percentage of the damage in which the countertop's substrate is exposed.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:**

- Measure the exposed substrate area.
- Determine if the countertop is functionally adequate to allow for food preparation purposes.

**MORE INFORMATION:** - Substrate is the material under the countertop's nonporous surface.

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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>Deficiency 1</b>		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Unit: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate" Inside: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate"		
<b>Deficiency 2</b>		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Unit: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate" Inside: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate"		
----	<b>Copyedits</b>	V2.1	2021-04-02
<b>Deficiency 1</b>		V2.0	2020-10-28
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories and explanations		
Inspection Process	Revised observation and action		
Tools or Equipment	Revised response		
<b>Deficiency 2</b>		V2.0	2020-10-28
Title	Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		

Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories and explanations		
<b>Overall Formatting</b>	<b>Complete rework of document format and layout</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
<b>Definition</b>	<b>Revised definition</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Field added</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
<b>Common Materials</b>	<b>Revised common materials</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
<b>More Information</b>	<b>Field added</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
<b>Deficiency 1</b>	<b>Previously deficiency 3 Separated by inspectable locations – Unit and Inside</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
Title	Added inspectable locations		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to "Standard" 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 observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency; response revised		
<b>Deficiency 2</b>	<b>Consolidated previous deficiency 1 and 2 Separated by inspectable locations – Unit and Inside</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
Title	Revised 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 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		

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Rationales	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-27
Health and Safety Determinations	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-27

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