

TITLE: MOLD-LIKE SUBSTANCE
VERSION: V2.2
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DEFINITION: A “Mold-like substance” can include regular or irregular patches or spots on surfaces that may be colored differently than the surface (coloration can be white, green, yellow, gray, brown, or black), and can be raised from the surface. A “Mold-like substance” can appear “fuzzy” or “cottony” and a musty or earthy odor can be associated with it.

“Mold-like substance” would also include what is often identified as “mildew,” i.e., small patches, generally on non-porous surfaces, and dusty (friable) when dry; mildew is generally a thin surface growth that can be wiped off easily. Note that algae are not to be recorded (algae are grass-green).

PURPOSE: None

COMMON COMPONENTS: None

LOCATION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unit	Includes areas where there could be potential water intrusion or captive moisture: e.g., walls, floors, ceilings, bathrooms, kitchens, bedrooms, closets, basements, laundry rooms, any other area that wood, drywall, and moisture are present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inside	Includes areas where there could be potential water intrusion or captive moisture: e.g., walls, floors, ceilings, bathrooms, kitchens, mechanical rooms, basements, laundry rooms, any other area that wood, drywall, and moisture are present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outside	None

MORE INFORMATION: None

DEFICIENCY 1: Presence of mold-like substance at very low levels is observed visually.

LOCATION: Unit Inside

DEFICIENCY 2: Presence of mold-like substance at moderate levels is observed visually.

LOCATION: Unit Inside

DEFICIENCY 3: Presence of mold-like substance at high levels is observed visually.

LOCATION: Unit Inside

DEFICIENCY 4: Presence of mold-like substance at extremely high levels is observed visually.

LOCATION: Unit Inside

DEFICIENCY 5: Bathroom does not have proper ventilation or dehumidification.

LOCATION: Unit Inside

DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: PRESENCE OF MOLD-LIKE SUBSTANCE AT VERY LOW LEVELS IS OBSERVED VISUALLY.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Patches or spots are cumulatively less than 4 square inches, i.e., below de minimis. Odor is an indicator, but not a diagnostic; if a musty odor is detected, visual confirmation of “mold-like substance” is required. Odor may be indicated in a “notes” field. This deficiency is not recorded if observed on household items (e.g., clothing, upholstery, food).

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: **Advisory** Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

HCV PASS / FAIL: Pass

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:

- Estimate area(s) of all patch(es) and spot(s).
- If a mold-like substance is present and the total cumulative area of all patches and spots in a room is less than 4 square inches, note this condition.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: PRESENCE OF MOLD-LIKE SUBSTANCE AT VERY LOW LEVELS IS OBSERVED VISUALLY.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Advisory Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

HCV PASS / FAIL: Pass

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:

- Estimate area(s) of all patch(es) and spot(s).
- If a mold-like substance is present and the total cumulative area of all patches and spots in a room is less than 4 square inches, note this condition.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

DEFICIENCY 2 — UNIT: PRESENCE OF MOLD-LIKE SUBSTANCE AT MODERATE LEVELS IS OBSERVED VISUALLY.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Cumulative area of patches is more than 4 square inches, i.e., above de minimis, and less than 1 square foot in a room. Odor is an indicator, but not a diagnostic; if a musty odor is detected, visual confirmation of “mold-like substance” is required. Odor may be indicated in a “notes” field. This deficiency is not recorded if observed on household items (e.g., clothing, upholstery, food).

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

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:**
- Estimate area(s) of all patch(es) and spot(s).
 - If the total cumulative area of all patches and spots in a room is more than 4 square inches and less than 1 square foot, record this deficiency.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:** - None
- MORE INFORMATION:** - None

DEFICIENCY 2 — INSIDE: PRESENCE OF MOLD-LIKE SUBSTANCE AT MODERATE LEVELS IS OBSERVED VISUALLY.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: **Advisory** Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

HCV PASS / FAIL: Pass

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:

- Estimate area(s) of all patch(s) and spot(s).
- If the total cumulative area of all patches and spots in a room is more than 4 square inches and less than 1 square foot, record this deficiency.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

DEFICIENCY 3 — UNIT: PRESENCE OF MOLD-LIKE SUBSTANCE AT HIGH LEVELS IS OBSERVED VISUALLY.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Cumulative area of patches is more than 1 square foot and less than 9 square feet in a room. Odor is an indicator, but not a diagnostic; if a musty odor is detected, visual confirmation of “mold-like substance” is required. Odor may be indicated in a “notes” field. This deficiency is not recorded if observed on household items (e.g., clothing, upholstery, food).

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:**
- Estimate area(s) of all patch(s) and spot(s).
 - If the total cumulative area of all patches and spots in a room is more than 1 square foot and less than nine square feet, record this deficiency.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:** - None
- MORE INFORMATION:** - None

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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

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:

- Estimate area(s) of all patch(es) and spot(s).
- If the total cumulative area of all patches and spots in a room is more than 1 square foot and less than nine square feet, record this deficiency.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

DEFICIENCY 4 — UNIT: PRESENCE OF MOLD-LIKE SUBSTANCE AT EXTREMELY HIGH LEVELS IS OBSERVED VISUALLY.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Cumulative area of patches is more than 9 square foot in a room. Odor is an indicator, but not a diagnostic; if a musty odor is detected, visual confirmation of “mold-like substance” is required. Odor may be indicated in a “notes” field. This deficiency is not recorded if observed on household items (e.g., clothing, upholstery, food).

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: - Estimate area(s) of all patch(es) and spot(s).
 - If the total cumulative area of all patches and spots in a room is more than nine square feet, record this deficiency.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

DEFICIENCY 4 — INSIDE: PRESENCE OF MOLD-LIKE SUBSTANCE AT EXTREMELY HIGH LEVELS IS OBSERVED VISUALLY.

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:**
- Estimate area(s) of all patch(s) and spot(s).
 - If the total cumulative area of all patches and spots in a room is more than nine square feet, record this deficiency.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:** - None
- MORE INFORMATION:** - None

DEFICIENCY 5 — UNIT: BATHROOM DOES NOT HAVE PROPER VENTILATION OR DEHUMIDIFICATION.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Neither an exhaust fan, window, nor adequate means of ventilation or dehumidification is present and operable.

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

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:**
- **Exhaust fan:** Look for the presence of an exhaust fan or vent containing a screen and a corresponding switch.
 - **Window:** Look for a window that is openable from the interior.
 - **Other:** Look for alternate means of dehumidification.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- If there is a vent, but no switch, ask the POA how the space is being ventilated.
 - If the POA indicates the vent is connected to an event-activated vent (i.e., timer) elsewhere in the building, disregard this deficiency.
- ACTION:**
- **Exhaust fan:** If present, activate the switch to determine if the exhaust fan turns on and verify there is airflow.
 - **Window:** If present, attempt to open the window to verify operability.
 - **Other:** If present, activate other means of dehumidification to verify operability.
- MORE INFORMATION:**
- A high-rise building may have a passive or motorized central ventilation system and if there is a vent in the bathroom, this may require an alternate means of detecting airflow if otherwise undetectable.
 - The POA is allowed to plug in an exhaust fan if it is present and unplugged.

DEFICIENCY 5 — INSIDE: BATHROOM DOES NOT HAVE PROPER VENTILATION OR DEHUMIDIFICATION.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

TITLE: MOLD-LIKE SUBSTANCE
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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
----	Abbreviated published version	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		
Deficiency 1		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Unit: Relabeled from "N/A" to "Advisory" Inside: Relabeled from "N/A" to "Advisory"		
Deficiency 2		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Unit: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate" Inside: Relabeled from "N/A" to "Advisory"		
Deficiency 3		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Inside: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate"		
Deficiency 4		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Unit: Revised to "Life-Threatening"		
Deficiency 5		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Unit: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate" Inside: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate"		
Title	Revised title	V2.1	2021-04-02
Definition	Revised definition	V2.1	2021-04-02
Purpose	Revised purpose	V2.1	2021-04-02
Location		V2.1	2021-04-02

Unit	Revised description		
Inside	Revised description		
Deficiency 1	Complete rework of deficiency	V2.1	2021-04-02
Title	Unit & Inside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit & Inside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit & Inside: Revised to "N/A"		
Rationale	Unit & Inside: Revised rationales, types, and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit & Inside: Revised observation and more information		
Deficiency 2	Previous deficiency 2 moved to deficiency 5; added new deficiency 2	V2.1	2021-04-02
Title	Unit & Inside: Added title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit & Inside: Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit: Added as "Standard"; Inside: added as "N/A"		
Rationale	Unit & Inside: Added rationales, types, and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit & Inside: Added observation and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Unit & Inside: Added useful tools or equipment		
Deficiency 3	Added new deficiency	V2.1	2021-04-02
Title	Unit & Inside: Added title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit & Inside: Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit: Added as "Severe Non-Life-Threatening"; Inside: added as "Standard"		
Rationale	Unit & Inside: Added rationales, types, and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit & Inside: Added observation		
Tools or Equipment	Unit & Inside: Added useful tools or equipment		
Deficiency 4	Added new deficiency	V2.1	2021-04-02
Title	Unit & Inside: Added title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit & Inside: Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit: Added as "Standard"; Inside: added as "Severe Non-Life Threatening"		
Rationale	Unit & Inside: Added rationales, types, and explanations		

Inspection Process	Unit & Inside: Added observation		
Tools or Equipment	Unit & Inside: Added useful tools or equipment		
Deficiency 1		V2.0	2020-10-28
Title	Copyedits		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Copyedits		
Deficiency 2	Added deficiency — Unit and Inside	V2.0	2020-10-28
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
Name Variants	Revised name variants	VI.3	2020-07-31
Location	Revised inspectable locations	VI.3	2020-07-31
More Information	Field added	VI.3	2020-07-31
Deficiency 1	Separated by inspectable locations — Unit and Inside	VI.3	2020-07-31
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 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		
Deficiency 2	Removed deficiency	VI.3	2020-07-31