

**TITLE:** RETAINING WALL

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**DEFINITION:** A vertical structure that retains soil or rock at various grades.

**PURPOSE:** To prevent erosion on sloped land or to add usable space.

**COMMON COMPONENTS:** Post; Railing; Block

**LOCATION:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Unit	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inside	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Outside	Property grounds

**MORE INFORMATION:** For the purpose of this inspection, a “retaining wall” is only classified as such if it is at least 24 inches tall and does not include decorative planters or foundation wall.

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**DEFICIENCY 1:** Retaining wall is leaning away from the fill side.

**LOCATION:**  Outside

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**DEFICIENCY 2:** Retaining wall is partially or completely collapsed.

**LOCATION:**  Outside

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DEFICIENCY I — OUTSIDE:      RETAINING WALL IS LEANING AWAY FROM THE FILL SIDE.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:      Retaining wall is leaning away from the fill side.

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:      - Look at the retaining wall while standing parallel to determine if the wall is standing upright.  
                              - Verify the wall is not more than 90 degrees from the base of the slope.

REQUEST FOR HELP:      - None

ACTION:      - Measure the retaining wall to verify the height is 24 inches or greater.  
                              - If it is not at least 24 inches, then it is not subject to inspection.

MORE INFORMATION:      - If the retaining wall is leaning (sloped) toward the fill side, do not cite a deficiency.  
                              - If present, inspect the guardrail under the Guardrail standard.

DEFICIENCY 2 — OUTSIDE:      RETAINING WALL IS PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY COLLAPSED.

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DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:            Retaining wall is partially or completely collapsed.

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:            30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL:                      Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:        30 days

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:                        - Look at the entire retaining wall for signs of collapse.

REQUEST FOR HELP:                   - None

ACTION:                                - None

MORE INFORMATION:                   - None

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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	Outside: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate"		
<b>Deficiency 2</b>		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Outside: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate"		
----	<b>Copyedits</b>	V2.1	2021-04-02
<b>Deficiency 1</b>		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
<b>Deficiency 2</b>		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
<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 Components</b>	<b>Revised common components</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31
<b>More Information</b>	<b>Field added</b>	V1.3	2020-07-31

<b>Deficiency 1</b>	<b>Separated by inspectable locations — Outside</b>	<b>VI.3</b>	<b>2020-07-31</b>
Title	Added inspectable locations		
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		
<b>Deficiency 2</b>	<b>Separated by inspectable locations — Outside</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, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency; response revised		