

TITLE: STAIRS
VERSION: V2.2
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DEFINITION: A series of steps or flights of steps, connected by landings.
PURPOSE: For (personal) traffic (i.e., egress or ingress) going from one level to the next.
COMMON COMPONENTS: Treads; Stringers; Risers; Railings; Nosing
LOCATION: Unit Hallway, stairwell
 Inside Hallway, stairwell
 Outside Along elevated walking paths
MORE INFORMATION: None

DEFICIENCY 1: Tread is missing or damaged.
LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY 2: Stringer is damaged.
LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: TREAD IS MISSING OR DAMAGED.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Tread on a set of stairs is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete).
 OR
 Tread on a set of stairs is loose or unlevel.
 OR
 A portion of the tread nosing that is greater than 1 inch in depth or 4 inches wide is damaged or broken.

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 entire set of stairs for the presence of treads.
 - If present, examine each tread and nosing for damage.
 - Identify evidence of a previously installed tread that is now not present or is incomplete.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- None
- ACTION:**
- If tread nosing is damaged or broken, measure each occurrence.
 - Walk up the entire set of stairs, ensuring that contact is made with the treads to detect each tread's stability and structural integrity.
- MORE INFORMATION:**
- If accessory treads are present, then verify if they are secure and level.

DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: TREAD IS MISSING OR DAMAGED.

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HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the entire set of stairs and, if visible, examine the stringers for signs of damage.
- If instability is detected while walking on the stairs, look to determine if instability is likely caused by a damaged stringer.
- Look to ensure the stringer is attached to the structure.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Walk up the entire set of stairs to determine the stability of the stairs (i.e., feel for stability or bouncing).

MORE INFORMATION: - Generally, stringers may only be visible on exterior stairs.
- If not visible, then the inspector is unable to evaluate this deficiency.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

TITLE: STAIRS
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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, Inside, Outside: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate"		
Deficiency 2		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Unit, Inside, Outside: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate"		
----	Copyedits	V2.1	2021-04-02
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		
Inspection Process	Copyedits		
Deficiency 2		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Copyedits		
Inspection Process	Copyedits		

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
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, Inside, and Outside	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	Separated by inspectable locations — Unit, Inside, and Outside	VI.3	2020-07-31
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Inspection Process	Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency; response revised		
Deficiency 3	Deficiency removed	VI.3	2020-07-31
Rationales	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-26
Health and Safety Determinations	Updated following in-house review and public comment	VI-2	2019-12-26



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