

TITLE: TRIP HAZARD
VERSION: V2.2
DATE PUBLISHED: 06/23/22

DEFINITION: Hazard caused by an abrupt change in vertical elevation or horizontal separation on any walking surface.

PURPOSE: None

COMMON COMPONENTS: None

LOCATION: Unit Throughout the Unit
 Inside Throughout the Inside
 Outside Throughout the Outside

MORE INFORMATION: None

DEFICIENCY 1: Trip hazard on walking surface.

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: TRIP HAZARD ON WALKING SURFACE.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: There is an abrupt change in vertical elevation or horizontal separation on any walking surface along the normal path of travel, consisting of the following criteria:

- An unintended ¼-inch or greater vertical difference, OR
- An unintended 2-inch horizontal separation perpendicular to the path of travel.

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 walking surface along the normal path of travel to identify a significant difference in vertical elevation or horizontal separation.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:** - If identified, measure to determine if there is a ¼-inch or greater vertical separation or 2-inch horizontal separation.
- MORE INFORMATION:** - If the walking area has an engineer-designed gap or vertical difference, this is not a tripping hazard (e.g., a raised manhole or a plant grate designed in the middle of a path of travel).

DEFICIENCY I — INSIDE: TRIP HAZARD ON WALKING SURFACE.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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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 I		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Unit, Inside, Outside: Relabeled from “Standard” to “Moderate”		
----	Copyedits	V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency I		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass/ Fail	Field added; response input as “Fail”		
Rationale	Copyedits		
Overall Formatting	Complete rework of document format and layout	V1.3	2020-07-31
Definition	Revised definition	V1.3	2020-07-31
Purpose	Field added	V1.3	2020-07-31
Common Materials	Revised common materials	V1.3	2020-07-31
Location	Revised inspectable locations	V1.3	2020-07-31
More Information	Field added	V1.3	2020-07-31
Deficiency I	Separated by inspectable locations — Unit, Inside, and Outside	V1.3	2020-07-31
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 request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency		
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