

## Sharp Edges

Definition: Hazardous objects or thin sections of surfaces that can lacerate skin upon contact with minimal force.

**Please note:** For the purpose of this inspection, sharp edges will only be recorded as a deficiency if they can cause personal injury that will likely require treatment from a medical professional and if located within a normal path of travel. Examples include protruding nails, fencing wire, rebar, exposed metal, and broken glass.

Name unsafe cutting items, hazardous cutting items

Variants:

Most plastic, metal, wood, concrete, glass

Common  
Materials:

Most none

Common  
Components:

## Location & Inspection of Sharp Edges

Abilities or Knowledge Needed:	- Visual acuity for location & inspection - Mobility for access to all areas of the property - Understanding of item's components
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Tools for Location & Inspection	Useful:	flashlight
	Required:	none

Common Locations:	Unit/Inside:	normal paths of travel
	Outside:	normal paths of travel

How to Locate:	Visual Observation:	Look for hazardous or broken objects along normal paths of travel throughout the inspection.
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Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1:	Sharp edges are present
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Rationale: Maintenance: Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.

Health and Safety: Increases probability of personal injury.

Health and Safety: Standard: This is a standard health and safety issued requiring a correction, remedy, or act of abatement within 30 days.

How to Inspect: Visual Observation: Look along normal paths of travel for any sharp edge that could lead to a personal injury that would require treatment from a medical professional such as lacerations and punctures that require stitches.

Action: Photograph the sharp edge.

Record deficiency if: sharp edges that can lead to personal injury are present.