

Sharp Edges Version 1-2

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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Sharp edges are present

Rationale: Safety, Direct: A sharp edge that is found in a normal path of travel presents a risk of laceration or puncture wounds.

Corrective Maintenance, Direct: It is reasonable to expect tenants to report sharp edges along normal paths of travel and for facilities management to prioritize a work order response to fix that deficiency.

Routine Maintenance, Direct: It is reasonable to expect that sharp edges along normal paths of travel would be identified through routine daily observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.

Health and Safety Determination: This is a severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.

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.

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Summary of Changes (from Version 1)

- The **Rationales** and the **Health and Safety Determination** have been updated, following in-house review and public comment.