

Sink

Definition: A basin with hardware designed to dispense and hold clean water (hot and cold) and discharge wastewater. Typically used for the purposes of cooking, cleaning, and drinking.

Name kitchen sink, bathroom sink, utility sink, clinical sink, janitor's sink
Variants:

Most plastic, metal, porcelain
Common
Materials:

Most basin, faucet, handles, drain, drain lines, supply valve
Common
Components:

Location & Inspection of Sink

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, reflection mirror
	Required:	None

Common Locations:	Unit/Inside:	hallways, stairwells, storage rooms, and rooms (aside from closet-sized rooms) that don't have windows
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How to Locate:	Visual Observation:	Look in the common locations along walls and areas with access to plumbing.
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Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1:	Components are missing
	Deficiency 2:	Water is not dispensed properly or at all from faucet
	Deficiency 3:	Drain is clogged
	Deficiency 4:	Sink is damaged such that it cannot hold water

Deficiency 1: Components are missing

Rationale code(s):	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Limits access to clean drinking water, waste disposal, ability to clean objects or self. Increases probability of mold if missing components allow for leaks.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of sink.
Health and Safety	Severe:	This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.
How to Inspect:	Visual Observation:	Look at the sink to verify presence of common components. Look for other indications of a missing component such as leaking water, wet surfaces, holes, and the presence of mold, rust, or grime.
Record deficiency if:	A common component is missing.	

Deficiency 2: Water is not dispensed properly or at all from the faucet

Rationale code(s):	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Limits access to clean drinking water, waste disposal, ability to clean objects or self. Increases probability of mold if missing components allow for leaks.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of sink.

Health and Safety	Severe:	This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.
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How to Inspect:	Action:	Turn handle of sink to activate faucet.
	Visual Observation:	Look to see if water is being dispensed steadily or at all.
	Request for Info:	Ask—if no water is dispensed at all after turning the handles—the POA representative if the issue is due to the utilities being shut off for any reason. If they answer affirmatively, request documents that verify this information.

Record deficiency if:	There is no water flow or water flow is extremely weak when handles are fully turned.
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Deficiency 3: Drain is clogged

Rationale code(s):	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Limits access to waste disposal.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of sink.
Health and Safety	Severe:	This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.
How to Inspect:	Action:	Pull stopper handle or insert stopper if available in order to seal the drain shut. Turn handle to partially fill sink with water. Push stopper handle or remove stopper.
	Visual Observation:	Look to see if water is draining at all.
Record deficiency if:	Water is not draining at all. Do not record deficiency if draining, but slowly.	

Deficiency 4: Sink is damaged such that it cannot hold water

Rationale code(s):	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Limits ability to clean objects.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of sink.
Health and Safety	Standard:	This is a standard health and safety issue. A repair, correction, or act of abatement for this deficiency should occur within 30 days.
How to Inspect:	Action:	Pull stopper handle or insert stopper if available in order to seal the drain shut. Turn handle to partially fill sink with water. Turn handle to stop the flow of water.
	Visual Observation:	Look at the sink to see if the water level is decreasing. If so, check under the sink for cracks, holes, or broken seals that are allowing water to leak from the basin. Also check that the stopper is able to maintain a complete seal with the drain. If the sink design is such that there is no built-in mechanical stopper or if no other stopper is available, look for obvious indications—such as cracks, holes, or broken seals—that the sink would be unable to hold water were a stopper available.
Record deficiency if:	Sink is unable to hold water or there are obvious indications that the sink would be unable to hold water.	