

Trash Chute

Definition: A large tube that is used to move trash to a central collection point, typically at one door per floor for easy access, typically located in high-rise buildings.

Name garbage chute, rubbish chute
Variants:

Most metal
Common
Materials:

Most chute, door, latch, compactor
Common
Components:

Location & Inspection of Trash Chute

Abilities or Knowledge Needed:	- Visual acuity for location & inspection - Audio acuity for detection of functionality - Mobility for access to all areas of the property
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Tools for Location & Inspection	Useful:	flashlight
	Required:	None

Common Locations:	Unit/Inside:	hallways of high-rises, closets in hallways of high-rises, typically located in the same place on every floor
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How to Locate:	Visual Observation:	Look for a small, rectangular, metal door in hallways of high-rises that indicates the door's purpose is for waste disposal. Look for doorways in hallways of high-rises that indicate a closet that contains such a door.
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Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1:	Chute door does not open, opens when latch is not engaged, or does not close automatically and latch.
	Deficiency 2:	Chute is clogged
	Deficiency 3:	Compactor is inoperable

Deficiency 1: Chute door does not open, opens when latch is not engaged, or does not close automatically and latch

<p>Rationale code(s):</p>	<p>Maintenance:</p> <p>Health and Safety:</p> <p>Operability:</p> <p>Cost:</p>	<p>Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.</p> <p>Exposes residents to unsanitary conditions as trash that is unable to be placed in chute piles up in hallway, trash closet, or residence. Increases risk of fire hazard as chute doors act as fire doors.</p> <p>Prevents proper use of trash chute.</p> <p>Repair is significant enough to incur capital cost.</p>
<p>Health and Safety</p>	<p>Severe:</p>	<p>This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.</p>
<p>How to Inspect:</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>Visual Observation:</p> <p>Action:</p>	<p>Engage latch and attempt to open door. If door opens, release door handle.</p> <p>Look to see if door closes automatically.</p> <p>Attempt to open the door without engaging the latch.</p>
<p>Record deficiency if:</p>	<p>Chute door will not open with latch engaged, will open when latch is not engaged, or will not close automatically once open.</p>	

Deficiency 2: Chute 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:	Exposes residents to unsanitary conditions as trash that is unable to be placed in chute piles up in hallway, trash closet, or residence.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of trash chute.
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:	Open the chute door.
	Visual Observation:	Look to see if trash is accumulated anywhere inside the chute above and below the door.
Record deficiency if:	Accumulated trash is visible.	

Deficiency 3: Compactor is inoperable

Rationale code(s):	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Exposes residents to unsanitary conditions as trash that is unable to be compacted could cause chute to back up.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of trash chute.
	Cost:	Repair is significant enough to incur capital cost.

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:	Request for Info:	Ask POA representative if trash compactor is present. If not, disregard this deficiency. If so, continue these steps.
	Action:	Walk to room on lowest level of building where trash chute deposits trash.
	Request for Help:	Ask POA representative to engage compactor.
	Audible Observation:	Listen to compactor to hear it engage and perform cycle of trash compaction.

Record deficiency if:	Compactor is present and does not engage or perform cycle of trash compaction.
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