

Kitchen Ventilation

Definition: A mechanical or electrical system that transports air via evacuation or ventilation from the kitchen to—most often—the outside. Often used due to the unwanted presence of smoke, moisture, and grease.

Name range hood, kitchen exhaust fan, through-wall fan
Variants:

Most plastic, metal
Common
Materials:

Most switch unit, fan, motor, screen, duct
Common
Components:

Location & Inspection of Kitchen Exhaust

Abilities or Knowledge Needed:	- Visual acuity for location & inspection
	- Audio acuity for detection of functionality
	- Mobility for access to all areas of the property
	- Understanding of item's components

Tools for Location & Inspection	Useful:	flashlight
	Required:	none

Common Locations:	Unit/Inside:	unit kitchens, food preparation areas, common areas kitchen
	Please Note:	For the purposes of this inspection, "Kitchen Exhaust" does not include any kitchen ceiling fans or microwave-based fans that only circulate air and offer no ventilation.

How to Locate:	Visual Observation:	Enter kitchen and locate stove/oven Look at range hood, kitchen ceilings, walls and determine if a kitchen exhaust is installed
	Action:	If present, locate and activate the ON switch

Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1:	Kitchen exhaust does not respond to control switch
	Deficiency 2:	Kitchen Exhaust is obstructed from receiving air flow

Deficiency 1: Kitchen exhaust does not respond to controls

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 harm to residents by smoke to due to lack of ventilation or air exchange.

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: Action: Turn the kitchen exhaust system on.

Audio Observation: Listen to hear fan activate.

Record deficiency if: kitchen exhaust does not activate.

Deficiency 2: Kitchen fan is obstructed from air flow

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How to Inspect:	Visual Observation:	Look to see if exhaust fan is covered by a foreign object, such as a plastic bag, paper plate, tape, or excessive cooking grease.
Record deficiency if:	a foreign object is covering the kitchen exhaust partially or completely.	