

Most common reasons why units fail inspection

To: Housing Choice Voucher Owner / Landlords

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Listed below are the most common reasons that units fail Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection. Please pre-inspect your unit carefully before the scheduled inspection date. AHA will not enter into a HAP Contract or renew the contract with you until the unit passes an HQS inspection.

The 8 areas that will be reviewed for HQS are as follows:

1. Living Room
2. Kitchen
3. Bathroom
4. Other room used for living
5. Secondary rooms not for living (Basement/Attic)
6. Building exterior (Paint condition)
7. Heating and Plumbing
8. General Health and Safety

The unit must be free from **any** chipping, cracking, or peeling paint on the interior and exterior of the unit and building. (If you have a multi-unit building, the ENTIRE exterior and common areas are subject to inspection, not just the portion associated with the unit being inspected.)

Inspectors must have access to all areas of the unit and property including the electrical and heating systems for the building to complete the inspection.

Inspectors must have access to all electrical outlets they can not be blocked by furniture at the time of inspection.

There must be a working smoke detector on every level of the unit including the basement; also there must be a smoke detector located inside every bedroom.

All light switches and outlets must have secured plate covers installed.

Every room used for living must have either two working outlets, or one working outlet and a permanently installed light fixture.