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**Checklist for Housing Quality Standards (HQS)**

*The unit must be safe, sanitary and decent. Please use this checklist when evaluating your units.  
 However, there may be other items cited that are not on this list*

**Building Exterior:**

- The foundation, stairs, rails, gutters and porch are safe and free of hazards or deterioration
- Handrails are provided for four or more steps
- No loose bricks in the brickwork, chimney or mortar
- Paint is not peeling, chipped or cracked

**Living Room:**

- Two working electrical outlets or one outlet and one light fixture
- Ground floor window is operable with working locks
- Windows and frames are in good working condition
- Walls, floors and ceiling are clean and in good condition
- Paint is not peeling, chipped or cracked

**Kitchen:**

- Appliances are provided and working properly
- Plumbing is free from leaks and works properly
- At least two working electrical outlets are provided or one outlet and one light fixture
- Paint is not peeling, chipped or cracked
- Adequate space for storage and food preparation

**Bathroom:**

- Bathtub, sink, shower and toilet are in good working condition
- Window and locks are operable or a working air vent is available
- Walls, floors and ceiling are clean and in good condition
- Two working electrical outlets or one outlet and one light fixture

**Bedroom:**

- Bedrooms with windows have operable windows and working locks
- Walls, floors, and ceiling are clean and in good condition
- Paint is not peeling, chipping or cracked

**Other Rooms and Area:**

- Furnace and water heater work properly
- Unit contains working smoke detectors
- Hot water heater has a pressure relief valve & is discharged 6-8 inches from the floor
- Unit has at least two exits
- All rooms are well illuminated and free from electrical hazards
- House and yard are free from trash and other debris
- Furnace provides adequate heat for all rooms, including the bathroom

*The above checklist does not include all housing quality standards*