

Recent Consistent Rental Housing Code Fail Items – February 2006

The following is a list including some of the most common fail items found during housing inspections. This list is not all encompassing, but does include the most frequent fail items and can be used as a reference. For specific questions, please contact the Housing Inspectors at 641-754-6582.

1. Smoke detectors:
 - Smoke detector removed.
 - Batteries unhooked or removed, usually because the detector is chirping indicating low battery.
 - Hard wired detectors missing/unhooked battery, hanging from wiring, detector unhooked from wiring or one is not sounding alarm when other detector is sprayed (inter-connected).
2. Fire extinguisher not serviced or replaced.
 - Fire extinguisher is a BC instead of the required 1-ABC.
 - No dated store receipt attached when new extinguisher is purchased.
3. Extension cords in use or adapters in use including air fresheners that have adapters built in.
4. Three prong appliances, power strips or 6-plexes with broken off ground plugs.
5. Large appliances such as microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, window air conditioners and garage door openers that plug into a power strip. Must plug directly into proper outlet.
6. Bedroom windows blocked for rescue/egress.
7. Combustibles stored within 3 feet of gas utilities or using furnace room as closet.
8. Doors that are 20 minute fire rated door that self closes with a UL listed closer but no longer securely latches such as buildings with multiple units and have interior entrance doors and/or doors to basements or units with doors to attached garages.
9. Infestation.
10. Site conditions such as large amount of garbage and/or debris either inside or outside or presence of unlicensed vehicles.
11. Garbage cans must be present with tight fitting lids and regular garbage service in place.
12. Light fixtures missing light bulbs or with burned out bulbs resulting in a fail or inconclusive. Additionally, light fixtures with out their covers.
13. GFCIs that no longer trip off or trip buttons that are painted over.
14. Frayed cords to electrical items
15. Garbage disposal jammed or has item inside.
16. Doors with loose or broken off doorknobs/locks.
17. Kitchen or bathroom cabinets with broken or missing drawers or doors.