

TITLE: FLOOR  
 VERSION: V3.0  
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DEFINITION: Lower surface of a room.

PURPOSE: A horizontal lower surface of a room used to walk on and may separate levels.

COMMON COMPONENTS: Carpet fibers (e.g., nylon, polyester, wool); Insulation; Grout; Bonding agent; Tiles; Carpet; Hardwood flooring; Stain; Underlayment; Padding

LOCATION:  Unit Dining room, living room, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, closet, hallway, or other unit spaces.  
 Inside Dining room, living room, kitchen, bathroom, closet, hallway, or other common spaces.  
 Outside None

MORE INFORMATION:
 

- Within an unfinished basement, bare concrete floors are acceptable.
- Unfinished floors are acceptable in a garage, storage room, maintenance room, utility room, or other room not intended for resident access.
- Within a unit or inside location regularly utilized by a resident, polished or painted concrete floors are acceptable. However, bare concrete floors are not acceptable within these locations.

DEFICIENCY 1: Floor substrate is exposed.  
 LOCATION:  Unit  Inside

DEFICIENCY 2: Floor component(s) is not functionally adequate.  
 LOCATION:  Unit  Inside

DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: FLOOR SUBSTRATE IS EXPOSED.

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look down to identify exposed substrate on any area of the floor within each room.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Measure the exposed area within each room.  
- Determine the total percentage of the exposed area within each room.

MORE INFORMATION: - None

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HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the floor to identify any component that is not functionally adequate (i.e., does not allow floor to separate levels or to be walked on).

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - If the overall floor exhibits a sign of serious failure that may threaten the resident's safety, then evaluate the condition under the Structural System standard.  
 - Examples of conditions that may inhibit a floor component(s)'s functionality may include:  
   - Wood rot  
   - Sloping  
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