

TITLE: SINK  
 VERSION: V3.0  
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DEFINITION: A basin with hardware designed to dispense and hold clean water (hot and cold) and discharge wastewater.  
 PURPOSE: Typically used for cooking, cleaning, and drinking.  
 COMMON COMPONENTS: Basin; Faucet; Handle; Drain; Drain line; Supply valve; Supply line; Splash guard; Drain control; Sink overflow  
 LOCATION:  Unit Kitchen, bathroom, laundry area, and other interior space  
 Inside Kitchen, bathroom, laundry area, and other interior space  
 Outside None  
 MORE INFORMATION: If a leak is present at a sink plumbing component, then evaluate the condition under the Leak – Water standard.

DEFICIENCY 1: Sink or sink component is damaged or missing and the sink is not functionally adequate.  
 LOCATION:  Unit  Inside

DEFICIENCY 2: Water is directed outside of the basin.  
 LOCATION:  Unit  Inside

DEFICIENCY 3: Sink is not draining.  
 LOCATION:  Unit  Inside

DEFICIENCY 4: Sink is improperly installed, pulling away from the wall, leaning, or there are gaps between the sink and wall.  
 LOCATION:  Unit  Inside

DEFICIENCY 5: Sink component is damaged or missing and the sink is functionally adequate.  
 LOCATION:  Unit  Inside

DEFICIENCY 6: Cannot activate or deactivate hot and cold water.  
 LOCATION:  Unit – Affirmative Habitability Requirement  Inside

DEFICIENCY 7: Sink is missing or not installed within the primary kitchen.  
 LOCATION:  Unit – Affirmative Habitability Requirement

**DEFICIENCY 1 — UNIT:** SINK OR SINK COMPONENT IS DAMAGED OR MISSING AND THE SINK IS NOT FUNCTIONALLY ADEQUATE.

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Sink or sink component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) or missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete) and the sink is not functionally adequate.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Moderate      The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**
- Visually inspect for any evidence of a sink's prior installation where it is now not present or is incomplete.
  - Visually inspect any present sink for damage.
  - Visually inspect for any component that is damaged or missing.
  - Determine if sink is functionally adequate.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:** - None

- More Information:**
- A sink is not functionally adequate if it is unable to dispense and hold clean water and discharge wastewater.
  - If a sink is not draining, then evaluate the condition under Deficiency 3 of this standard.
  - If a stopper is missing or is not functionally adequate, then evaluate the condition under Deficiency 5 of this standard.
  - If a sink is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete) or not installed (i.e., never installed, but should have been) in the primary kitchen, then evaluate the condition under Deficiency 7 of this standard.

**DEFICIENCY 1 — INSIDE:** SINK OR SINK COMPONENT IS DAMAGED OR MISSING AND THE SINK IS NOT FUNCTIONALLY ADEQUATE.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION:** Low Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 60 days

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Pass

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** N/A

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

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  - Visually inspect for any component that is damaged or missing.
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**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:** - None

- More Information:**
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DEFICIENCY 2 — UNIT: WATER IS DIRECTED OUTSIDE OF THE BASIN.

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DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Water is directed outside of the basin.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Low Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 60 days

HCV PASS / FAIL: Pass

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - None

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Activate faucet.  
- Confirm that water is directed into basin and not outside of the basin.  
- Turn water control off.

More Information: - None

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HCV PASS / FAIL: Pass

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - None

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Activate faucet.  
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- Turn water control off.

More Information: - None

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DEFICIENCY 3 — UNIT: SINK IS NOT DRAINING.

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DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Water is not draining from the basin of the sink.

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look to see if water is draining.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Pull the stopper handle, or if available, insert the stopper in order to seal the drain.  
- Activate the faucet to partially fill the sink with water.  
- Push the stopper handle or remove the stopper.

More Information: - None

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**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

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- Push the stopper handle or remove the stopper.

**MORE INFORMATION:** - None

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**DEFICIENCY 4 — UNIT:** SINK IS IMPROPERLY INSTALLED, PULLING AWAY FROM THE WALL, LEANING, OR THERE ARE GAPS BETWEEN THE SINK AND WALL.

**DEFICIENCY CRITERIA:** Sink is improperly installed, pulling away from the wall, leaning, or there are gaps between the sink and wall.

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**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Fail

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 30 days

**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**
- Inspect for the following:
    - Signs of the sink pulling away from the wall.
    - Presence of a gap between the sink and the wall.
    - Movement of the sink when activating the faucet.
    - The front edge of the sink leaning downward.
    - If the sink is mounted on a vanity, signs of separation at the seams of a vanity.
    - If the sink is mounted on a vanity, signs the vanity is pulling away from the wall.

**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:** - None

**More Information:** - None



**DEFICIENCY 4 — INSIDE:** SINK IS IMPROPERLY INSTALLED, PULLING AWAY FROM THE WALL, LEANING, OR THERE ARE GAPS BETWEEN THE SINK AND WALL.

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**REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None

**ACTION:** - None

**More Information:** - None

**DEFICIENCY 5 — UNIT:** SINK COMPONENT IS DAMAGED OR MISSING AND THE SINK IS FUNCTIONALLY ADEQUATE.

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**CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** 60 days

**HCV PASS / FAIL:** Pass

**HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME:** N/A

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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**
- Visually inspect any present sink for damage.
  - Visually inspect for any component that is damaged or missing.
  - Determine if sink is functionally adequate.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:** - None
- MORE INFORMATION:** - A stopper that is missing or is not functionally adequate should be evaluated under this deficiency.
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**INSPECTION PROCESS:**

- OBSERVATION:**
- Visually inspect any present sink for damage.
  - Visually inspect for any component that is damaged or missing.
  - Determine if sink is functionally adequate.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:** - None
- MORE INFORMATION:** - A stopper that is missing or is not functionally adequate should be evaluated under this deficiency.
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DEFICIENCY 6 — UNIT: CANNOT ACTIVATE OR DEACTIVATE HOT AND COLD WATER.

AFFIRMATIVE HABITABILITY REQUIREMENT

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Control knobs do not activate or deactivate hot and cold water.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: **Moderate**      The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - None

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Activate control knobs to verify if both hot and cold water is dispensed and can be regulated.  
 - Turn the water control off.  
 - Verify water does not dispense when turned to the off position.

MORE INFORMATION: - An intermittent drip should not be evaluated under this standard.

**DEFICIENCY 6 — INSIDE: CANNOT ACTIVATE OR DEACTIVATE HOT AND COLD WATER.**

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