

Sample Housing Quality Standards (HQS Checklist)

The following items are a sampling of the items typically found on a housing inspector's checklist. Program rules are subject to change and this information should be used as general guidance. It is not an all-inclusive list.

No	Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the unit move-in ready?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the unit vacant?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the unit connected to an approved water or sewer system?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the unit have proper space and security?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the unit have a kitchen, bathroom, and living room?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the unit have satisfactory means of entering and exiting?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the windows operable, have working locks, and no cracks or missing panes?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do all exterior doors lock; single cylinder locks and deadbolt on entry door?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the unit have a safe, working heating system that provides adequate heat for the unit size?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the heating system properly vented, safe, and adequate?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the unit have adequate lighting and two electrical outlets per room?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there at least one window that opens in each bedroom?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the kitchen and bathroom have a fixed, overhead (ceiling) light?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the unit appear to be structurally sound?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are interior walls and ceilings free from cracks, holes, bulges, leaning, and loose surface materials or peeling paint?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the exterior walls free from leaks, buckling holes, and loose siding/stucco?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the roofs free from leaks, buckling, missing, or loose roof materials?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are exterior porches, railings, and walkways in safe condition?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do the exterior stairs and/or interior stairs have handrails?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the interior free from pollutants including, but not limited to carbon monoxide, sewer gas, fuel gas, dust, mildew, and pet odors?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a working smoke detector (one per living level of the unit, including basements, but excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attics)? NOTE: If unit is occupied by hearing-impaired person, smoke detectors must have an alarm system designed for hearing-impaired persons.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the utilities on (water, gas, and electric)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a clean working stove/oven in the unit and all burners functioning as designed without the use of an incendiary device (matches, lighter, etc)?*
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the stove/oven vented properly?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a clean, working refrigerator in the unit?*
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there hot and cold running water with adequate pressure?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all plumbing fixtures working as designed with no water leaks or stoppages?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the unit free from infestation of fleas, rodents, roaches, or vermin of any kind?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the electrical outlets working properly with crack-free cover plates and switch plates?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the unit free from electrical hazards of any kind including non-testing or non-functional Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI), missing cover plates, improperly installed hanging fixtures, exposed wiring, etc.?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the dwelling and yard free of all garbage/trash/debris and hazardous conditions?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the water heater have a temperature pressure relief valve and discharge pipe within 12" above the floor or ground OR extending to the exterior?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the water heater in proper working condition and properly vented?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the unit empty and all rooms or attachments available for inspection?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the unit have adequate and sanitary storage space?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the bathroom offer privacy?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the bathroom have a shower or tub?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the bathroom have a sink with hot and cold running water?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the bathroom have toilet facilities/
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the bathroom have an open-able window, an exhaust fan, or gravity vent?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the kitchen have a sink?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a sanitary area for preparing and serving food?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If the building has an elevator, is it working properly?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all crawl covers and vent screens intact to prevent entry of rodents/
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If the windows have security bars, are quick release latches present for emergency exit?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all code violations corrected?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the neighborhood free from noise, health and safety hazards (i.e., gas leaks, crime, gangs, graffiti, pollutants)?
No	Yes	Is the unit free from:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flooding?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor drainage?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewage hazards?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Septic tank backups?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mud slides?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pollutants?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Excessive vibrations?
		*The landlord is not required to provide this appliance; however, if it is provided by the landlord it must be clean and in working order.