Inspectable Areas



A **"Unit"** of housing refers to the interior components of an individual dwelling, where the resident lives.



"Inside" refers to the common areas and building systems within the building interior and are not inside a unit. This could include interior laundry facilities, workout rooms, etc.



"Outside" refers to the building site, building exterior components, and any building systems located outside of the building or unit. This includes things like sidewalks, parking lots, and retaining walls.

Health & Safety Determinations

Life Threatening

Deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death or severe illness or injury to a resident.

Severe

Deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of permanent disability, serious injury, or illness to a resident; or the physical security or safety of a resident or their property would be seriously compromised.

Moderate

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.

Low

Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to residents.

Health & Safety Determination Examples

Life Threatening	Severe	Moderate	Low
No working smoke alarm or CO detector where required.	Only 1 bathtub or shower is present and it is inoperable or does not drain.	A permanently installed light fixture is inoperable.	Sink component is damaged or missing and the sink is functionally adequate.

New Correction Requirements

Life-Threatening Deficiencies require correction within 24 hours of notification.

Severe and Moderate Deficiencies require correction within 30 days in Voucher programs (or PHA-approved extension).

Low Deficiencies do not require correction in Voucher programs. For information purposes only (similar to previous "Pass with Comment").