

Safe, Healthy Housing Checklist

- ◇ The bedroom(s), living room and dining room in an apartment should have openings to the outside to provide fresh air. This could be a door, window or a mechanical ventilation system.
- ◇ The electrical boxes should have a cover over the wires.
- ◇ When you use an electrical outlet or switch it should not spark or shock you.
- ◇ The pipes used to vent the products of combustion (smoke) from the furnace or water heater should have tight joints.
- ◇ Fuel burning furnaces or water heaters need oxygen for combustion to take place. An excellent source of oxygen is the air in a building. The room housing these appliances should be large enough to supply the needed air, have openings into a large room, have openings to the outside of the building, or have air piped directly into the appliance.
- ◇ Fuel burning furnaces or water heaters should not be located in bedrooms or bathrooms.
- ◇ Fuel burning furnaces or water heaters should not be accessed from bedrooms or bathrooms.
- ◇ Furnaces, wall heaters, room heaters, wood stoves, gas stoves and water heaters are required to have a clear space from walls or ceilings. The required clear space is often on a label on the side of the appliance. If there is not a label, you may check with the building inspector or fire inspector for the required clearance.
- ◇ All apartments are required to have a door opening into a hallway or the outside. Generally a dwelling or apartment is only required to have one exit.
- ◇ The support walls and posts should be plumb and straight.
- ◇ The beams supporting the floors or roofs should be level and straight.
- ◇ Bedrooms should have a window or door for occupants to escape or be rescued if the need arises.
- ◇ Each house or apartment should have a kitchen with a sink.
- ◇ Each house or apartment should have a separate bathroom containing a toilet, lavatory, tub or shower.
- ◇ The sink, lavatory and tub or shower should have hot water.
- ◇ The roof and walls should not leak water.
- ◇ An address number or letter should be on each unit.
- ◇ Each house or apartment should have a heating system.
- ◇ The area outside of each bedroom should have a smoke detector.