

# Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

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## General Guide to Why Units Fail Inspection

### Exterior

1. Peeling or flaking paint anywhere in the unit.
2. Unsafe or rotted porches, steps, and handrails.
3. Rotted or missing gutters and downspouts.
4. Handrails must be present for any stairways with four or more steps.
5. Roof leaks.
6. Condition of yard.
7. Foundation: leaking, crumbling, pointing of brick or missing brick.
8. Bad sidewalks.
9. Condition of steps: cracking or crumbling.

### Interior

#### **Walls / Ceiling**

1. No flaking or peeling paint.
2. No cracks or holes
3. Check for water damage.



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### **Windows / Doors**

1. Must have locks that operate.
2. Must be airtight.
3. No rotted sashes and frames.
4. No holes.
5. No cracked or broken glass.

### **Floor**

1. Weak or broken boards.
2. Missing or broken linoleum.

### **Handrails**

1. Must be present on all interior/exterior stairways, which have four or more steps.

### **Furnace**

1. Properly vented / operable.
2. Heat source must be in all rooms.



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## **Fire Safety**

1. Smoke alarms on every floor.
2. Fire exits for anything over three floors.

## **Plumbing**

1. Code workable faucets.
2. No leaks.
3. Proper ventilation of flue on hot water tank.
4. Hot water tank must have pressure relief valve and discharge pipe within 8 inches of the floor.
5. No exposed plumbing in bathroom.

## **Electrical**

1. Code wiring.
2. At least 100 amps and proper fuse box cover.
3. No floor outlets.
4. No exposed wiring (no missing switch plates or duplex covers).
5. Proper illumination (1 overhead and 2 outlets).
6. Fixtures must be intact (no missing or broken).
7. No extension cord outlets.