



Housing Choice Voucher Program & Executive Office Building
1149 E. South 11th Street
Abilene, TX 79602

Common Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Violations

- Units built prior to 1978, loose peeling, chipping, cracking, deteriorating paint
- Keyless deadbolts or C-locks on entry door
- Broken/cracked/missing outlet/scorched electrical switch cover plates
- Torn carpet and floor covering (trip hazard)
- Broken/missing window locks (windows less than 6' off the ground)
- Broken window pane (safety hazard)
- Windows that do not open (at least one accessible window in each bedroom and bathroom, if AC is furnished)
- Infestation: large rat holes, droppings, and evidence of roaches
- Missing knobs on range/oven
- Non-working range (all burners) and oven
- Missing or nonfunctioning smoke detectors (one per floor)
- No hot or cold running water
- Improperly connected sink drain/gas trap
- Windows and/or doors not weather tight
- Electrical outlets not working, open ground three-prong outlets
- No operable vent fan and/or operable window in bathroom
- Insecure or missing door lock/striker plate/door frame
- Potential flammable materials surrounding heating equipment/hot water heater
- Trash, discarded furniture, appliances or motor vehicles/parts (safety hazard)
- Inadequate facilities for refuse disposal (dumpsters, trash cans with covers)
- Insecure hanging electrical fixtures
- Broken or frayed wiring
- Exposed fuse box connections/overloaded circuits

Common Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Violations - Continued

- Electrical cords under rugs and/or other floor coverings and/or insecurely mounted to wall (safety hazard)
- Wet ceilings (evidence of water leak)
- Ceiling with large cracks/holes (structural collapse or allow drafts to enter unit)
- Doors (not closing properly, off track)
- Floor with large cracks, holes, buckling, missing/damaged parts, unsteady/weak
- Missing cover on air register (safety hazard)
- Refrigerator: inadequate size for family needs, does not keep food cool/frozen to avoid spoilage, major deterioration of door seal
- Hot water heaters (absence of temperature-pressure relief valve and/or discharge line directed to the floor or outside of the living area, improper flues for venting gasses, corroded and leaking and/or inaccessible, electrical safety clamps on electric units)
- Toilet not connected to a sewer drain, leakage of water and/or gasses, clogged, does not flush. not secure to floor, seat must be design to fit specific toilet
- Unvented gas/fuel heater
- Broken, rotting or missing stairs and rails (safety hazard)
- Handrails must be present when you have generally four or more consecutive steps and/or rails around a porch or balcony that is approximately 30" or more above the ground
- Foundations: major recent settling, large cracks or holes, severe leaning, crumbling brick, stone or concrete, major deterioration of support
- Utilities not on