

ASSESSMENT OF CLEAN & SAFE CONDITIONS IN THE RESIDENCE
(Regulation 299/10 s. 26(1)(a))

Entrance to Building/Home

- Obstacles to entrance and exit (e.g., bushes, trees).
- Clutter, accumulated garbage
- Poorly illuminated entrance, steps and/or walkways.
- Lack of or inappropriate handrails on exterior stairways.
- Poor condition of exterior stairs (e.g., broken, steep, narrow).
- Steps do not allow secure footing (i.e., uneven and not of same size or height, cannot see edges of steps clearly).
- Ice/snow on sidewalk and/or driveway.
- Walkways uneven, pot-holed, or slippery.
- Presence of insects and/or rodents.

Chemical/Biological/Environmental Hazards

- Unsanitary conditions (e.g., accumulation of garbage, smell of urine).
- Presence of rodents and/or insects (i.e., potential sources of disease, allergic reactions, bites).
- Inadequate plumbing (e.g., cannot access bathroom facilities, drinking water concerns).
- Presence of noxious fumes (e.g., environmental tobacco smoke).
- Kitchen ventilation systems or range exhausts do not function properly causing indoor air pollutants.

Fall Hazards

- Lamp, extension and telephone cords placed in the flow of traffic.
- Slippery area rugs and runners.
- Floors are not clean or are slippery.
- Floors contain loose or broken tiles.
- Lack or inappropriate handrails on interior stairways (e.g., not secure, not long enough).
- Poor condition of stairs (e.g., broken, steep, narrow).
- Worn or torn coverings are on the steps.
- Steps do not allow secure footing (i.e., uneven and not of same size or height, cannot see edges of steps clearly).

- Clutter on stairways/hallways.
- Open stairway – fall risk (e.g., no railing).

Fire Hazards

- Electrical cords running beneath furniture and rugs or carpeting.
- Electrical cords attached to walls, baseboards, etc. with nails or staples.
- Frayed or cracked electrical cords.
- Excessive loads on extension cords.
- Extension cords and appliance cords located close to the sink or range areas.
- Towels, curtains and other flammables close to the range.
- Small electrical appliances plugged in when not in use.
- Exposed wiring/lack of cover plates on outlets/switches.
- Outlets and switches unusually warm or hot to the touch.
- Inappropriate size and type of light bulbs for fixtures.
- Heaters with three-hole plug not used in three-hole outlet.
- Small stoves and heaters in places where they could be knocked over and close to furnishings and flammable materials.
- Clogged chimneys.
- Fire sources (heaters, hot plates, teapots) located close to bed or bedding.
- Electric blankets tucked in/have things on them.
- Gasoline, paints, solvents and other products that give off vapors or fumes stored close to ignition sources.
- Containers of volatile liquids not tightly capped.
- Improperly located smoke detectors (i.e., smoke detectors should be near bedrooms either on ceiling or wall (6" to 12" below the ceiling) and accessible to facilitate replacement of batteries).
- Absence of or improperly placed/working smoke detectors and/or carbon monoxide detectors.
- No portable fire extinguisher.
- Only one exit from home.