

NSPIRE: New 24-hour/Emergency Deficiencies

The new NSPIRE inspection standard takes effect February 1, 2027. Some deficiencies that weren't previously considered emergencies will require 24-hour correction under the new standard. Please refer to the NSPIRE 24-hour/emergency deficiencies list below.

Call for Aid System

- System is blocked, or pull cord is higher than 6 inches off the floor.
- System does not function properly.

Carbon Monoxide Alarm

- Alarm is missing, not installed, or not installed in a proper location.
- Alarm is obstructed.
- Alarm does not produce an audio or visual alarm when tested.

Chimney

- A visually accessible chimney, flue, or firebox connected to a fireplace or wood-burning appliance is incomplete or damaged such that it may not safely contain fire and convey smoke and combustion gases to the exterior.
- Chimney exhibits signs of structural failure.

Clothes Dryer Exhaust Ventilation

- Electric dryer transition duct is detached or missing.
- Gas dryer transition duct is detached or missing.
- Electric dryer exhaust ventilation system has restricted airflow.
- Dryer transition duct is constructed of unsuitable material.
- Gas dryer exhaust ventilation system has restricted airflow.

Door - Entry

- Entry door is missing.

Door - Fire

- Fire labeled door is missing.

Egress

- Obstructed means of egress.
- Sleeping room is located on the 3rd floor or below and has an obstructed rescue opening.
- Fire escape access is obstructed.

Electrical - Conductor, Outlet, and Switch

- Exposed electrical conductor.
- Water is currently in contact with an electrical conductor.

Electrical - Service Panel

- The overcurrent protection device is damaged.

Exit Sign

- Exit sign is damaged, missing, obstructed, or not adequately illuminated.

Fire Escape

- Fire escape component is damaged or missing.

Fire Extinguisher

- Fire extinguisher pressure gauge reads over- or under-charged.
- Fire extinguisher service tag is missing, illegible, or expired.
- Fire extinguisher is damaged or missing.



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Flammable and Combustible Items
- Flammable or combustible item is on or within 3 feet of an appliance that provides heat for thermal comfort or a fuel burning water heater **OR**
- Improperly stored chemicals.

Guardrail
- Guardrail is missing or not installed.
- Guardrail is not functionally adequate.

HVAC
- The inspection date is on or between October 1 and March 31 and the permanently installed heating source is not working or the permanently installed heating source is working and the interior temperature is below 64 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Unvented space heater that burns gas, oil, or kerosene is present.
- Combustion chamber cover or gas shutoff valve is missing from a fuel-burning heating appliance.
- Fuel-burning heating system or device exhaust vent is misaligned, blocked, disconnected, improperly connected, damaged, or missing.

Leak - Gas/Oil
- Natural gas, propane, or oil leak.

Mold-Like Substance
- Presence of mold-like substance at extremely high levels is observed visually.

Smoke Alarm
- Alarm is not installed where required.
- Alarm is obstructed.
- Alarm does not produce an audio or visual alarm when tested.

Sprinkler Assembly
- Sprinkler head assembly is encased or obstructed by an item or object that is within 18 inches of the sprinkler head.
- Sprinkler assembly component is damaged, inoperable, or missing and it is detrimental to performance.
- Sprinkler assembly has evidence of corrosion.
- Sprinkler assembly has evidence of foreign material that is detrimental to performance.

Structure
- Structural system exhibits signs of serious failure.

Toilet
- Only 1 toilet was installed, and it is missing.

Water Heater
- Chimney or flue piping is blocked, misaligned, or missing.
- Gas shutoff valve is damaged, missing, or not installed.

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