



## TOWN OF MANSFIELD DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND HOUSING INSPECTION

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### ITEMS REVIEWED BY HOUSING INSPECTION FOR CODE COMPLIANCE:

- Unsafe structure subject to possible collapse
  - no deterioration to support beams
  - no cracks or breaks in foundation
  - no rotting materials in walls or missing siding
  - roof and flashing to be sound and have adequate drainage
  - stairways, deck, porch, balcony, handrails and guards with proper anchorage and able to support anticipated load pressure
- Safeguard to protect or warn occupants in event of fire
  - smoke detectors operable
  - chimneys structurally sound
  - windows easily openable
  - means of egress unobstructed and readily openable from side egress to be made
- Sanitary housing
  - prevention of rodent infestation through basement hatchways or windows
  - doors, windows, other outside opening in good repair
  - frames of doors and windows in sound condition, weather tight, no cracks or holes
  - no cracked or loose drywall, decayed wood surface conditions
  - interior stairs, handrails and guards in place and of sound condition
  - proper fit and installation of interior doors
  - no interior accumulation of rubbish or garbage, disposal containers to be in use
- Provisions for ventilation, illumination, sanitation, heating facilities
  - boiler, heating equipment, electrical wiring functioning and in good repair
  - lighting in place in common hallways and stairs
  - windows not obstructed
  - proper discharge of bathroom mechanical ventilation system and clothes dryer exhaust
  - plumbing fixtures in kitchen and bathroom in working order
  - connection to public or private water and sewage disposal systems and maintained
- Maintenance of exterior premises
  - carving or graffiti prohibited
  - buildings have identification address numbers
  - no exterior accumulation of rubbish or garbage, disposal containers to be in use
- Accessories structurally sound and in good repair
  - detached garages, fences, walls to be maintained
  - clean swimming pool
  - enclosure of swimming pool, hot tubs or spas
- Occupancy by more than permitted by law (usually violates zoning prior to reaching housing limits)
- Proper closure of vacant structure