# NSPIRE for Housing Choice Voucher PowerPoints Day 3

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Smoke Alarm			
Definition:	A self-contained device that detects the presence of smoke, typically as an indicator of fire, and provides a visual or audio signal as an alert.		
Common Components:	Plastic shell, Base, Battery, Light, Speaker, Test button, Electronic circuit; Battery backup		







- The unit must include at least one sealed battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detector, in proper working condition, in the following locations:
  - On each level of the unit;
  - Inside each bedroom;
  - Within 21 feet of any door to a bedroom measured along a path of travel; and



## **Sealed Batteries**

 On December 29, 2024 (the effective date of the Public and Federally Assisted Housing Fire Safety Act of 2022), sealed batteries are now required.

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<b>Smoke Alarm</b> Deficiency 1: Smoke alarm is not installed where required.		
Determination: Correction Timeframe:		
iit & Life-Threatening / Unit & 24 hours side: Fail Inside:		

Smoke Alarm		
Deficiency	1: Smoke alarm is not installed where required.	
More Infor	mation:	
Unit:	<ul> <li>A smoke alarm installed within a hallway in the immediate vicinity of multiple bedrooms meets the requirement of "outside the bedroom(s)" under this standard.</li> <li>A smoke alarm installed outside a bedroom may meet the requirement of "on each level" under this standard.</li> <li>If a smoke alarm is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but is now not present or is incomplete) from a non-required area, then it should not be evaluated under this standard.</li> <li>If another hazard is present, then it should be evaluated under the respective standard (e.g., an exposed conductor should be evaluated under the Electrical – Conductor, Outlet, and Switch standard).</li> </ul>	

Smoke Alarm					
Deficiency	Deficiency 1: Smoke alarm is not installed where required.				
More Info	rmation:				
Inside:	<ul> <li>A smoke alarm installed within a hallway in the immediate vicinity of multiple classrooms meets the requirement of "outside the classroom(s)" under this standard.</li> <li>A smoke alarm is required on each level.</li> <li>A smoke alarm installed outside a classroom may meet the requirement of "on each level" under this standard.</li> <li>If a smoke alarm is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but is now not present or is incomplete) from a non-required area, then it should not be evaluated under this standard.</li> <li>If another hazard is present, then it should be evaluated under the respective Standard (e.g., an exposed conductor should be evaluated under the Electrical – Conductor, Outlet, and Switch standard).</li> </ul>				
* <u>AHR</u> : Unit & Insi	DE				

Smoke Alarm				
Deficiency 2: Smoke alarm is obstructed.				
Deficiency Criteria:				
Unit & Smoke alarm is obstructed. Inside:				
H&S Determination: Correction Timeframe:				
Unit & Inside:	Life-Threatening / Fail	Unit & Inside:	24 hours	
More Information:				
<ul> <li>Unit &amp; A combination smoke and CO alarm should be evaluated under both the Carbon Monoxide Alarm and Smoke Alarm standards.</li> </ul>				















## Sprinkler Assembly

Definition:	Part of the fire protection (sprinkler) system that discharges water when activated once reaching a certain (predetermined) temperature.
Common Components:	Head; Valve; Deflector; Escutcheon; Sprinkler head cover
More Information:	If a leak is present, evaluate the deficiency under the Leak – Water standard.



Deficiency 1:	Sprinkler head assembly is encased or obstructed by an item or object that is within 18 inches of the sprinkler head.
More Informa	ation:
Inside, & Outside: •	Some sprinkler heads may not have 18" clearance due to features within the built environment (e.g., closet, wall mounted kitchen cabinets, permanently installed light fixture, exit sign) and should not be considered a deficiency under this Standard. A parked vehicle within 18" of the sprinkler assembly should not be considered a deficiency under this Standard. Examples of encasements may include, but are not limited to: • Painter's tape • Plastic bag Examples of obstructions may include, but are not limited to: • Furniture • Shelves • Stacked materials

Deficiency 2: Sprinkler assembly component is damaged, inoperable, or missing and it is detrimental to performance.				
Deficiency Criteria:				
Unit, Inside, & Outside:	Unit, Inside, Sprinkler assembly component is damaged, inoperable, or Missing and it is detrimental to performance.			
H&S Deterr	mination:	Correction	Timeframe:	
Unit, Inside, & Outside:	Life-Threatening / Fail	Unit, Inside, & Outside:	24 hours	
More Infor	mation:			
<ul> <li>Unit, Inside, &amp;</li> <li>For the purpose of this Standard, a condition is detrimental to performance if it impacts the sprinkler assembly's ability to properly or adequately discharge when activated.</li> <li>Examples of conditions that may be detrimental to performance may include, but are not limited to: <ul> <li>Physical damage</li> <li>Glass bulb has lost fluid</li> <li>Concealed sprinkler cover plate is caulked or glued to ceiling</li> <li>Missing sprinkler head escutcheon</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				



Deficiency 4: Sprinkler assembly that is detrimental		y has evidence of foreign material I to performance.		
Deficiency Criteria:				
Unit, Inside, & Outside: Foreign material covers 75% or more of the sprinkler assembly OR Foreign material covers 75% or more of the glass bulb.				
H&S Determination:		Correction Timeframe:		
Unit, Inside, & Outside:	Life-Threatening / Fail	Unit, Inside, 24 hours & Outside:		
More Inform	nation:			
Unit, Inside, & Outside:				















Steps a	and Stairs
Definition:	A single step, series of steps, or flights of steps that connect two levels.
Common Components:	Tread; Stringer; Riser; Railing; Nosing
More Information:	None

Deficiency 1: Tread is missing or damaged.				
Deficiency Criteria:				
-	Tread on a set of stairs is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete). OR Tread on a set of stairs is loose or unlevel. OR A portion of the tread nosing that is greater than 1 inch in depth or 4 inches wide is damaged or broken.			
H&S Deterr	nination:	Correction	Timeframe:	
Unit, Inside, & Outside:	Moderate / Fail	Unit, Inside, & Outside:	30 days	
More Infor	More Information:			
	<ul><li>Unit,</li><li>If accessory treads are present, then verify if they are secure and level.</li><li>Outside:</li></ul>			

Deficiency	Steps and Stairs Deficiency 2: Stringer is damaged.				
Deficiency	Deficiency Criteria:				
	Unit, Stringer is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality). Outside:				
H&S Deter	rmination:	Correction	n Timeframe:		
Unit, Inside, & Outside:	Moderate / Fail	Unit, Inside, & Outside:	30 days		
More Info	More Information:				
Unit, Inside, & Outside:					

Deficiency 3: Step or stair is not functionally adequate.					
Deficiency Criteria:					
Outside:	Step or stair is not functionally adequate (i.e., may not allow for personal traffic from one level to the next).				
H&S Dete	rmination:	Correction Timeframe:			
Outside:	Moderate / Fail	Outside: 30 days			
More Info	More Information:				
Outside:	<ul> <li>Conditions that may impact the functional adequacy of a step or stairs may include, but are not limited to:</li> <li>Damage or deterioration to the extent that it disrupts a person's ability to move from one level to the next</li> <li>Unintentional dimensional changes that may interrupt a person's walking pattern or movement</li> <li>Unstable material</li> </ul>				







Structu	ıral System
Definition:	Load-bearing system within the built environment (i.e., structures, features, and facilities).
Common Components:	Foundation; Beam; Floor; Wall; Roof; Slab; Plinth

Structu	ural System	
More Information:	· ·	t at a structural nould be evaluated ive standard, which
	<ul><li>Ceiling</li><li>Chimney</li><li>Floor</li><li>Foundation</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Roof Assembly</li> <li>Wall – Exterior</li> <li>Wall – Interior</li> </ul>











Toilet	
Definition:	A plumbing fixture used to receive human waste and to discharge it through a waste pipe, using water as a conveying method.
Common Components:	Tank; Bowl; Lid; Seat; Flush handle; Drain; Drain lines; Supply valve; Supply line; Wax ring; Float ball; Float cup; Refill tube; Ballcock; Trip lever; Chain; Flapper; Overflow tube; Trap; Closet bend



### **More Information**

 In the event that a toilet was never installed by design (e.g., in an SRO property), then the shared facilities are considered part of the Unit location for inspection purposes.





Deficiency	3: Only 1 toilet was i inoperable.	nstalled, and it is	s damaged or	
Deficiency Criteria:				
Unit & Inside:	Only 1 toilet was installed, and it is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality). OR Only 1 toilet was installed, and it is inoperable (i.e., overall system is not meeting function or purpose; with or without visible damage).			
H&S Deterr	mination:	Correction	Timeframe:	
Unit:	Severe / Fail	Unit:	30 Days	
Inside:	Moderate / Fail	Inside:	30 days	
More Infor	More Information:			
Unit & If the toilet refills and continues running, then evaluate the condition under Deficiency 7 of this standard.				

Deficiency	4: A toilet is damaged or inoperable and at least 1 toilet is installed elsewhere that is operational.			
Deficiency Criteria:				
Unit:	A toilet is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) and at least 1 toilet is installed elsewhere within the Unit that is operational. OR A toilet is inoperable (i.e., overall system is not meeting function or purpose; with or without visible damage) and at least 1 toilet is installed elsewhere within the Unit that is operational. A toilet is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) and at least 1 toilet is installed elsewhere within the Inside area that is operational. OR A toilet is inoperable (i.e., overall system is not meeting function or purpose; with or without visible damage) and at least 1 toilet is installed elsewhere within the Inside area that is operational.			



Deficiency !	5: Toilet component is damaged, inoperable, or missing such that it may limit the resident's ability to safely discharge human waste.
Deficiency	Criteria:
	Toilet component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) such that it may limit the resident's ability to safely discharge human waste. OR Toilet component is inoperable (i.e., component is not meeting function or purpose; with or without visible damage) such that it may limit the resident's ability to safely discharge human waste. OR Toilet component is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete) such that it may limit the resident's ability to safely discharge human waste.
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Deficiency 6: Toilet is not secured at the base.			
Deficiency Criteria:			
Unit & Inside:	Toilet is not secured at the base.		
1&S Deter	rmination: Correction Timeframe:		
Unit & Inside:	Moderate / Fail	Unit & Inside:	30 days

Deficiency	<ol> <li>Toilet component is damaged, inoperable, or missing and it does not limit the resident's ability to discharge human waste.</li> </ol>
Deficiency	Criteria:
	Toilet component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality) and it does not limit the resident's ability to safely discharge human waste. OR Toilet component is inoperable (i.e., component is not meeting function or purpose; with or without visible damage) and it does not limit the resident's ability to safely discharge human waste. OR Toilet component is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete) and it does not limit the resident's ability to safely discharge human waste.

















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Trash C	Chute
Definition:	A large tube through which refuse is carried by means of gravity to a large waste receptacle at the bottom end.
Common Components:	Chute; Door; Latch; Compactor; Chute discharge fire door with fusible link; Wash valve; Spray head; Springs; Handle; Counterbalance
More Information:	None

	Trash Chute				
Deficiency	Deficiency 1: Chute door does not open or self-close and latch.				
Deficiency	Deficiency Criteria:				
Inside:	Chute door does not o OR Chute door does not s		ch.		
H&S Deter	rmination:	Correction	Timeframe:		
Inside:	Moderate / Fail	Inside:	30 days		
More Info	rmation:				
Inside:	• None				
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Deficiency	2: Chute is clogged.				
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Deficiency	Criteria:				
Inside:	Trash is overflowing or	backed up inside the chute.			
H&S Deter	mination:	Correction Timeframe:			
Inside:	Moderate / Fail	Inside: 30 days			
More Info	rmation:				
Inside:	• None				





Trip Ha	azard	
Definition:	Hazard caused by an abrupt change in vertical elevation or horizontal separation on any walking surface.	
Common Components:	None	
More Information:	None	

Deficiency 1: Trip hazard on walk	Trip Hazard				
Deficiency 1: Trip hazard on walking surface.					
Deficiency Criteria:					
OR	any walking surface along the nsisting of the following criteria: or greater vertical difference. or greater horizontal separation				
H&S Determination:	Correction Timeframe:				
Unit, Inside, Moderate / Fail & Outside:	Unit, Inside, <b>30 days</b> & Outside:				

Deficiency	1: Trip hazard on walking surface.
More Infor	mation:
Unit, Inside, & Outside:	<ul> <li>Examples of conditions that should be evaluated under this deficiency include, but are not limited to: <ul> <li>A service access cover that is missing and it is located along a walking surface.</li> <li>Any surface, object, or material that creates an unintended ¾-inch or greater vertical rise along the path of travel.</li> <li>An unintended 2-inch or greater gap or space along the path of travel.</li> <li>Examples of conditions that should not be evaluated under this deficiency include, but are not limited to:</li> <li>An engineer-designed gap or vertical difference (e.g., a raised manhole or a plant grate designed in the middle of a path of travel).</li> </ul> </li> <li>An intentional transition from a walking surface to a doorway or entrance.</li> </ul>

	Trip Hazard
Deficiency	1: Trip hazard on walking surface.
More Info	rmation:
Unit, Inside, & Outside:	<ul> <li>Examples of conditions that should not be evaluated under this deficiency include, but are not limited to:</li> <li>An engineer-designed gap or vertical difference (e.g., a raised manhole or a plant grate designed in the middle of a path of travel).</li> <li>An intentional transition from a walking surface to a doorway or entrance.</li> </ul>
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More Information:	For the purposes of this inspection, "Kitchen Exhaust" does not include any kitchen ceiling fans, ductless recirculating range hoods, or microwave-based fans that only circulate air and offer no ventilation.

Definition:Means of supplying air to or removing air from a space.Common Components:Switch Unit; Fan; Motor; Screen; Duct; Light; Extractor hood or canopy; Air
Components: Light; Extractor hood or canopy; Air
filtering system



	Venti	ila	tion		
Deficiency	2: Exhaust system h	nas r	estricted ai	rflow.	
Deficiency	· Criteria:				
	Exhaust system is bloc restricted.	ked	such that air	flow may be	
H&S Deter	rmination:		Correction	Timeframe:	
Unit & Inside:	Moderate / Fail		Unit & Inside:	30 days	_
More Info	rmation:				
Unit & Inside:	• None				_
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Deficiency	<ol> <li>Exhaust system c missing.</li> </ol>	omponent is d	amaged or
Deficiency	Criteria:		
	Exhaust system compo defective; impacts fund OR Exhaust system compo prior installation, but n	ctionality). ment is missing	(i.e., evidence of
H&S Deter	mination:	Correction	Timeframe:
Unit & Inside:	Moderate / Fail Unit & 30 days Inside:		
More Info	mation:		
	Unit & • Examples of damaged or missing components may Inside: • Fan • Screen		mponents may creen
	• Filter		uct























Wall –	- Exterior
Definition:	• <u>Exterior wall</u> : The finished or unfinished surface that provides a vertical separation between the interior and exterior of the building and may provide security and privacy, sound proofing, and weather resistance.
	• <u>Wall covering</u> : Material such as siding or stucco used as a covering for exterior walls.

Wall –	Exterior
Definition:	<ul> <li><u>Note</u>: Unfinished within this standard refers to concrete masonry unit or poured concrete walls.</li> </ul>
Common Components:	Cladding; Air barrier; Sheathing; Framing; Vapor control layer; Insulation
More Information:	If the wall is below grade and soil is on the exterior side, then evaluate under the Foundation standard.



Wall – Exterior		
Deficiency		peeling paint of 10 square feet
Deficiency		
Outside:	Cumulatively, there is paint on an exterior w	10 square feet or more of peeling all built after 1978.
H&S Deter	mination:	Correction Timeframe:
Outside: Moderate / Fail Outside: 30 days		Outside: 30 days
More Infor	mation:	
Outside: • If property profile indicates the property is a target property, then evaluate under the Potential Lead-Based Paint Hazards – Visual Assessment standard.		



	Wall – Exterior
Deficiency	<ul> <li>3: Exterior wall component(s) is not functionally adequate.</li> </ul>
More Info	rmation:
Outside:	<ul> <li>Exterior wall covering or finishing should be evaluated under Deficiency 1 or Deficiency 2 of this standard.</li> <li>All attic or roof ventilation components should be evaluated under the Roof Assembly standard.</li> <li>If the overall exterior wall exhibits a sign of serious failure that may threaten the resident's safety, then evaluate the condition under the Structural System standard.</li> </ul>
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## Wall – Interior

Definition:	A vertical surface that may define an area, and provide security, shelter, or sound proofing.
Common Components:	Covering; Finish; Molding; Baseboards
More Information:	If the wall is below grade and soil is on the exterior side, then evaluate under the Foundation standard.

	Wall –	Interior	
Deficiency	1: Interior wall has a covering.	a loose or deta	iched surface
Deficiency	Criteria:		
Unit & Inside:	Interior wall has a loose or detached surface covering.		
H&S Deter	mination:	Correction	Timeframe:
Unit & Inside:	Moderate / Fail	Unit & Inside:	30 days
More Info	rmation:		
Unit & Inside:	Cosmetic damage (e.g., loose wallpaper) should not be		

Deficiency	2: Interior wall compo adequate.	onent(s) is no	t functionally
Deficiency	Criteria:		
	Interior wall component(s) is not functionally adequate (i.e., impacts the integrity of the interior wall or does not allow interior wall to provide vertical separation between rooms or spaces).		
H&S Detei	mination:	Correction	Timeframe:
Unit & Inside:	Moderate / Fail	Unit & Inside:	30 days
More Info	rmation:		
Unit & Inside:	<ul> <li>If the overall interior wall exhibits a sign of serious failure that may threaten the resident's safety, then evaluate the condition under the Structural System standard.</li> </ul>		

Deficiency	73: Interior wall has a hole that is greater than 2 inches in diameter or there is an accumulation of holes that are cumulatively greater than 6 inches by 6 inches.				
Deficiency	Crit	teria:			
Unit & Inside:	A hole is greater than 2 inches in diameter. OR An accumulation of holes in any one wall that are cumulatively greater than 6 inches by 6 inches.				
H&S Deter	mir	ation:		Correction	Timeframe:
Unit & Inside:	Mo	derate / Fail		Unit & Inside:	30 days
More Info	rma	tion:			
Unit & Inside:	• [	Vone			
inside.					









Water Heater		
Definition:	A device designed to generate and store hot water for domestic use.	
Common Components:	Storage tank; Electric heating element; Water supply inlet and water discharge outlet plumbing connections; Pressure relief valve and line; Low-voltage electrical connection (auto-ignition);	

Water Heater		
Common Components:	Temperature control module; Flue gas chimney or stack; Gas fired burner; Gas shutoff valve; Thermocouple	
More Information:	None	

Deficiency	1:	TPR valve has an valve discharge p upward slope, or material.	iping	is damaged	
Deficiency	Crite	ria:			
Inside, &	TPR valve has an active leak. OR TPR valve is obstructed such that the TPR valve is unable to be fully actuated. OR Relief valve discharge piping is damaged (i.e., visibly defective; impacts functionality), capped, has an upward slope, or is constructed of unsuitable material.		i.e., visibly defective;		
H&S Deterr	nina	tion:		Correction	Timeframe:
Unit, Inside, & Outside:	Seve	ere / Fail	-	Unit, Inside, & Outside:	30 Days



Water Heater			
Deficiency	2: No hot water.		
Deficiency	Criteria:		
Unit & Inside:	Hot water does not dispense after the handle is engaged.		
H&S Deter	mination:	Correction	n Timeframe:
Unit:	Severe / Fail	Unit:	30 Days
Inside:	Low / Pass	Inside:	N/A
More Info	rmation:		
Unit & Inside:	• None		

Deficiency		harge piping is missing or han 6 inches or less than 2 inches flood-level.
Deficiency	Criteria:	
Inside, &	prior installation, but is no The relief valve discharge p	piping is missing (i.e., evidence of w not present or is incomplete). OR piping terminates greater than 6 s from waste receptor flood-level.
H&S Deter	mination:	Correction Timeframe:
Unit, Inside, & Outside:	Moderate / Fail	Unit, Inside, <b>30 days</b> & Outside:
More Infor	mation:	
Unit, Inside, & Outside:	wall and the inspector is	rge piping is plumbed through the s unable to the visually identify the do not record as a deficiency.



Deficiency	5: Gas shutoff valve i installed.	is damaged, m	nissing, or not
Deficiency	Criteria:		
Inside, &	Gas shutoff valve is dam impacts functionality). ( Gas shutoff valve is miss installation, but is now i Gas shutoff valve is not	OR sing (i.e., evide not present or i	nce of prior is incomplete). OR
	should have been).		
H&S Deter		Correction	Timeframe:
	mination: Life-Threatening /		Timeframe: 24 hours





























Window		
Definition:	Opening in a wall or roof of a building that is fitted with glass or other material.	
Common Components:	Screen; Weather stripping; Frame; Balance; Header; Sill; Pane; Jambs; Glass; Sash; Jamb liner; Rail	

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More Information:	A window that is part of a door assembly should be evaluated under the Door – General standard, Door – Entry standard, or Door – Fire Labeled standard, respectively.

Deficiency 3	1: Window will not o	pen	or stay open	1.
Deficiency	Criteria:			
Unit & Inside:	Window will not open. OR Once opened, window w tool or item.	vill no	ot stay open v	vithout the use of a
H&S Deterr	nination:		Correction	Timeframe:
Unit:	Moderate / Fail		Unit:	30 days
Inside:	Low / Pass		Inside:	N/A
More Inform	mation:			
Unit & Inside:	/	illed v rd thi as a r	window-mou s deficiency. escue openin	nted air conditioner is

Deficiency	2: Window cannot be	e seci	ured.	
Deficiency	Criteria:			
	Window cannot be secu installed lock.	red (i.	.e., access co	ntrolled) by at least 1
H&S Deterr	nination:		Correction <sup>•</sup>	Timeframe:
Unit:	Moderate / Fail		Unit:	30 days
Inside:	Low / Pass		Inside:	N/A
More Infor	mation:			
Unit & Inside:	<ul> <li>Examples of window l <ul> <li>Stick/wooden dow</li> <li>Other devices that assembly</li> </ul> </li> <li>If the window is not d not be evaluated under the present, then disregation of the disreg</li></ul>	wel It are I lesign er this Illed w	not attached ed to have a s deficiency. vindow-mou	to the window lock, then it should



Deficiency 4:	Window component is damaged or missing and the window is not functionally adequate.
Deficiency Cri	teria:
	Any portion of a visually accessible (i.e., can be reasonably accessed and observed) window component is damaged (i.e., visibly defective) and the window is not functionally adequate (i.e., cannot protect from the elements, bugs, or debris, permit illumination within the interior space, or permit visual access between spaces). OR Any portion of a visually accessible (i.e., can be reasonably accessed and observed) window component is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but is now not present or is incomplete) and the window is not functionally adequate (i.e., cannot protect from the elements, bugs, or debris, permit illumination within the interior space, or permit visual access between spaces). OR A visually accessible (i.e., can be reasonably accessed and observed) window screen has a hole, tear, or cut that is 1 inch or greater.

	Win	dow		
Deficiency 4: Window component is damaged or missing and the window is not functionally adequate.				
H&S Detei	rmination:	Correction Timeframe:		
Unit & Inside:	Moderate / Fail	Unit & <b>30 days</b> Inside:		
More Info	rmation:			
Unit & Inside:		or missing components that may unctional adequacy may include, but		
	<ul><li>Weather stripping</li><li>Sill</li></ul>	or seal • Pane or sash • Framing or casing		
	<ul> <li>Condensation that is p should not be evaluate</li> </ul>	resent due to a failed window seal ed.		







