Rental Property Pre-Inspection Checklist

Interior	
Walls and Ceilings	Doors
 In good repair Free from holes Free from water damage Floors In good repair No holes Structurally sound No trip hazards (i.e. torn carpet) 	 Secure Fits frame Proper hardware Weather tight and rodent proof Sleeping Rooms Proper egress or door open to the outside required Floor space shall be no less than 70 square feet with a 7' minimum width Proper light and ventilation Operable smoke detectors (10 years old or less)
Hallway/Landing Clear pathway Handrails/guardrails securely attached Continuous guardrails required on open sides of landings/stairways 30" or more above grade Grippable handrails Floor covering should be intact and secured to floor Locate a smoke detector within close proximity to sleeping rooms All smoke detectors shall be installed per the manufacturer's installation instructions and its listing. Hard-wired smoke detectors shall be wired to a proper unswitched circuit. Must be 10 years old or less. Carbon monoxide detector required outside of bedrooms within 10' of doors	Windows No broken/cracked glass Easily openable Capable of being held in position by window hardware Openable windows must have screens in good repair Weather tight Window frame must be free of cracked, chipped, peeling, chalking, or flaking paint and caulk and biological growth
 Occupancy Occupied sleeping rooms must have proper egress window or door opening to the outdoors Cellars/crawlspaces shall not be used as habitable space Basements must meet all permit construction requirements for light, ventilation, egress, etc. prior to being used as habitable space Adequate hot and cold running water must be provided to all sinks and tubs. All household drains must connect to sanitary sewer 	 (occupancy cont.) Waste lines must be properly installed, "S" traps not allowed, no flexible style waste lines Hand held showers must have backflow prevention or shorten line to 1-1/2" above spill line No leaking faucets or pipes Unused gas lines must be capped All pipes must be free from defects and obstruction and properly secure and supported.

Fire Protection

- Storage of paint, paper, boxes, rags or other combustible/flammable material not allowed within 10 feet of gas fire appliances (furnaces, water heaters, etc.)
- Path of egress shall not be blocked by debris, storage, trash, snow, ice or other obstruction
- All stairways require continuous, grippable handrails

(fire protection cont)

- Building with 3 or more units require fire extinguishers
- All smoke detectors shall be installed to requirements with working batteries and functional connections (must be 10 years old or less).
- Locate at least one smoke detector on each level, not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics

Kitchen

- Hot (120 degrees) and cold running water
- Kitchen sink must be properly connected to sanitary sewer
- Kitchen must NOT be used for sleeping purposes
- No dripping faucets
- Drains must function properly, free of obstructions
- o Cabinets must be in good repair
- Supplied or provided appliances must be in good working condition
- Gas appliances must be connected properly with approved fittings/connectors

Bathroom

- A tub or shower properly installed, maintained and in good repair with caulking intact
- A washbasin properly installed, maintained and in good repair with caulking intact.
- Properly installed toilet with all components intact and properly secured, maintained and functioning, sealed at base
- Faucets must have a minimum 1 inch gap above the spill line
- Bathroom cabinets must be in good repair
- No leaking faucets
- Water-impervious flooring
- Either an openable window or mechanical venting required
- Hot and cold running water required to each fixture

Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing

- o Electrical
- Adequate service and outlets
- Properly installed service panel
- Fixtures must be intact and properly functioning
- Extension cords cannot be used in lieu of permanent wiring
- Cover plates required on all outlets, switches and junction boxes
- All wiring must be intact and properly maintained

- Mechanical
- Heating appliance must be properly installed and maintained
- Temporary heating devices shall not be used as primary source of heat
- Fuel burning appliance must be connected to an approved chimney, flue or vent
- You may be required to provide service records of any heating system

Plumbing

- Faucets must be a minimum 1 inch above spill lines on all fixtures
- o All plumbing must be installed and
- o maintained to code

 Gas flex connectors must be Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed and approved

0	Exterior	
0	Windows and Doors	 Walls – Exterior
0	Bug and rodent proof	 Soffit and fascia in good repair
0	Weather-tight	 House numbers in front (visible from
0	Working hardware	public way)
0	Free of defects - no torn/ripped screens	 Siding is weather tight and intact
0	Paint	 Foundation
0	Wood surface weather protected	 Structurally sound
0	NO peeling, chipping, caulking, flaking or	 Free of holes or gaps
	other deteriorated paint	 Proper grading
0	Roof	 Gutters and Downspouts
0	Free of leaks	(pertains to existing)
0	Structurally sound	 Good condition
0	No loose or missing shingles	 Properly attached and drain water
		away from structure
0	Chimney	o Porch/Decks
0	Tuckpointing/mortar in good repair	 Good repair
0	Flue liner in good repair	 Guard railings required if over 30"
		above grade