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Project: Safe Housing

Project: Safe Housing is an initiative of the City of Huntington's Inspections and Permits Division, Huntington Police Department's Code Enforcement Unit and Huntington Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office. Together, these three entities are dedicated to ensuring that renters have quality housing in Huntington and that irresponsible landlords are held accountable.

Did you know that more than 47% of Huntington's residents are renters, according to the U.S. Census Bureau? That's just another reason why city officials are committed to maintaining safe living conditions for all of our citizens.

**Broken windows?
Overgrown grass and
weeds? No fire alarms?**

**Make sure your
apartment is up to code!**

INSPECTIONS

The City of Huntington's Inspections and Permits Division is staffed by three inspectors – building, plumbing and electrical – who are responsible for making sure structures are safe and comply with the International Building Code.

Below is a checklist of things to look for when hunting for a house or apartment to rent:

Building

- No hand railing on steps.
- No banisters on porch.
- Windows won't open.
- Doors don't lock.
- Water spots on ceilings.
- Peeling paint.
- Uneven steps.
- Broken windows.
- Holes in walls.
- Every habitable space shall have at least one window.



Electrical

- Appropriate wattage bulbs for light fixtures.
- Portable electric heater safety and clearances.
- Proper size and placement of extension cords.
- Outlets and switches need to be in proper working order.
- GFCI outlets installed in kitchens and bathrooms.
- Electrical panels must have three feet of clearance and never be installed in closets or bathrooms.
- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors must be placed properly and in working order.
- Electrical service to the structure should be appropriately sized and in good condition.

Plumbing

- Nonworking or leaking faucets.
- Leaking drains or toilets.
- Any smells of sewer or natural gas.
- Every dwelling unit shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a minimum room temperature of 68 degrees.
- Frozen pipes.

Do you have concerns with the house or apartment you are renting? Contact our inspectors and report your problem at:

Chief Building Inspector | 304-696-4429

Chief Electrical Inspector | 304-696-5556

Chief Plumbing Inspector | 304-696-5512

Email | inspections@cityofhuntington.com



CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

The Huntington Police Department's Code Enforcement Unit conducts inspections for violations of exterior property ordinances. Violations include:

- Junk storage in yards or porches.
- Overgrown weeds.
- Scattered trash.
- Graffiti.
- Unlicensed vehicles.
- Unpermitted work and unlicensed contractor
- Zoning issues.

Does the building you live in or a neighboring property suffer from any of these conditions? Contact the Code Enforcement Unit:

304-781-8334 | codeenforcement@cityofhuntington.com



FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

The Huntington Fire Marshal's Office protects the lives and property of its citizens from fire and other hazards. Here is a checklist of things to look for when searching for a new house or apartment to rent:

- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors properly placed and in good working order.
- Third floor fire exits.
- Fire separation (holes in walls or ceilings).
- Properly lighted exit signs and emergency lights.
- Fire doors.
- Hallways and exits with clear access.
- Fire alarm systems.
- Sprinkler systems.
- No propane grills on enclosed porches.

Do you have concerns with the house or apartment you are renting? Contact the Huntington Fire Marshal's Office:

304-696-5960 | firemarshal@cityofhuntington.com



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