

Revised Appendix A: Condensed Habitability Standards for Shelters

Minimum Safety, Sanitation, and Privacy Standards for Shelters
(1) Structure and materials. The shelter building must be structurally sound to protect residents from the elements and not pose any threat to health and safety of the residents
(2) Space and security. Except where the shelter is intended for day use. The shelter is intended for day use only; the shelter must provide each program participant in the shelter with an acceptable place to sleep and adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings.
(3) Interior air quality free of pollutions at a level that might threaten or harm the health of residents.
(4) Water supply. The shelter's water supply must be free of contamination.
(5) Sanitary facilities. Each program participant in the shelter must have access to sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, are private, and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.
(6) Thermal environment. The shelter must have any necessary heating/cooling facilities in proper operating condition.
(7) Illumination and electricity. The shelter must have adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety. There must be sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliance in the shelter.
(8) Food preparation. Food preparation areas, if any, must contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare and serve food in a safe and sanitary manner.
(9) Sanitary Conditions. The shelter must be maintained in a sanitary condition.
(10) Fire safety. There must be at least one working smoke detector in each occupied unit of the shelter. Where possible, smoke detectors must be located near sleeping areas. The fire alarm system must be designed for hearing-impaired residents. All public areas of the shelter must have at least one working smoke detector. There must also be a second means of exiting the building in the event of fire or other emergency.