



## Substandard Building Checklist

California Health and Safety Code 17920.3

Pass	Fail	Inconclusive	Any building or portion thereof, regardless of zoning designation or approved uses of the building, including any dwelling unit, guestroom or suite of rooms, or the premises on which the same is located, in which there exists any of the following listed conditions to an extent that endangers the life, limb, health, property, safety, or welfare of the occupants of the building, nearby residents, or the public shall be deemed and hereby is declared to be a substandard building:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(a) Inadequate sanitation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1) Lack of, or improper water closet, lavatory, or bathtub or shower in a dwelling unit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2) Lack of, or improper water closets, lavatories, and bathtubs or showers per number of guests in a hotel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3) Lack of, or improper kitchen sink.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4) Lack of hot and cold running water to plumbing fixtures in a hotel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(5) Lack of hot and cold running water to plumbing fixtures in a dwelling unit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(6) Lack of adequate heating.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(7) Lack of, or improper operation of required ventilating equipment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(8) Lack of minimum amounts of natural light and ventilation required by this code.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(9) Room and space dimensions less than required by this code.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(10) Lack of required electrical lighting.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(11) Dampness of habitable rooms.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(12) Infestation of insects, vermin, or rodents as determined by a health officer or, if an agreement does not exist with an agency that has a health officer, the infestation can be determined by a code enforcement officer, as defined in Section 829.5 of the Penal Code, upon successful completion of a course of study in the appropriate subject matter as determined by the local jurisdiction.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(13) Visible mold growth, as determined by a health officer or a code enforcement officer, as defined in Section 829.5 of the Penal Code, excluding the presence of mold that is minor and found on surfaces that can accumulate moisture as part of their properly functioning and intended use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(14) General dilapidation or improper maintenance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(15) Lack of connection to required sewage disposal system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(16) Lack of adequate garbage and rubbish storage and removal facilities, as determined by a health officer or, if an agreement does not exist with an agency that has a health officer, the lack of adequate garbage and rubbish removal facilities can be determined by a code enforcement officer as defined in Section 829.5 of the Penal Code.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(b) Structural hazards shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1) Deteriorated or inadequate foundations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2) Defective or deteriorated flooring or floor supports.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3) Flooring or floor supports of insufficient size to carry imposed loads with safety.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4) Members of walls, partitions, or other vertical supports that split, lean, list, or buckle due to defective material or deterioration.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(5) Members of walls, partitions, or other vertical supports that are of insufficient size to carry imposed loads with safety.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(6) Members of ceilings, roofs, ceiling and roof supports, or other horizontal members that sag, split, or buckle due to defective material or deterioration.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(7) Members of ceilings, roofs, ceiling and roof supports, or other horizontal members that are of insufficient size to carry imposed loads with safety.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(8) Fireplaces or chimneys that list, bulge, or settle due to defective material or deterioration.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(9) Fireplaces or chimneys that are of insufficient size or strength to carry imposed loads with safety.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(c) Any nuisance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(d) All wiring, except that which conformed with all applicable laws in effect at the time of installation if it is currently in good and safe condition and working properly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(e) All plumbing, except plumbing that conformed with all applicable laws in effect at the time of installation and has been maintained in good condition, or that may not have conformed with all applicable laws in effect at the time of installation but is currently in good and safe condition and working properly, and that is free of cross connections and siphonage between fixtures.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(f) All mechanical equipment, including vents, except equipment that conformed with all applicable laws in effect at the time of installation and that has been maintained in good and safe condition, or that may not have conformed with all applicable laws in effect at the time of installation but is currently in good and safe condition and working properly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(g) Faulty weather protection, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1) Deteriorated, crumbling, or loose plaster.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2) Deteriorated or ineffective waterproofing of exterior walls, roofs, foundations, or floors, including broken windows or doors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3) Defective or lack of weather protection for exterior wall coverings, including lack of paint, or weathering due to lack of paint or other approved protective covering.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4) Broken, rotted, split, or buckled exterior wall coverings or roof coverings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(h) Any building or portion thereof, device, apparatus, equipment, combustible waste, or vegetation that, in the opinion of the chief of the fire department or the chief's deputy, is in such a condition as to cause a fire or explosion or provide a ready fuel to augment the spread and intensity of fire or explosion arising from any cause.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(i) All materials of construction, except those that are specifically allowed or approved by this code, and that have been adequately maintained in good and safe condition.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(j) Those premises on which an accumulation of weeds, vegetation, junk, dead organic matter, debris, garbage, offal, rodent harborages, stagnant water, combustible materials, and similar materials or conditions constitute fire, health, or safety hazards.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(k) Any building or portion thereof that is determined to be an unsafe building due to inadequate maintenance, in accordance with the latest edition of the Uniform Building Code.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(l) All buildings or portions thereof not provided with adequate exit facilities as required by this code, except those buildings or portions thereof whose exit facilities conformed with all applicable laws at the time of their construction and that have been adequately maintained and increased in relation to any increase in occupant load, alteration or addition, or any change in occupancy. When an unsafe condition exists through lack of, or improper location of, exits, additional exits may be required to be installed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(m) All buildings or portions thereof that are not provided with the fire-resistive construction or fire-extinguishing systems or equipment required by this code, except those buildings or portions thereof that conformed with all applicable laws at the time of their construction and whose fire-resistive integrity and fire-extinguishing systems or equipment have been adequately maintained and improved in relation to any increase in occupant load, alteration or addition, or any change in occupancy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(n) All buildings or portions thereof occupied for living, sleeping, cooking, or dining purposes that were not designed or intended to be used for those occupancies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(o) Inadequate structural resistance to horizontal forces.

"Substandard building" includes a building not in compliance with Section 13143.2.

However, a condition that would require displacement of sound walls or ceilings to meet height, length, or width requirements for ceilings, rooms, and dwelling units shall not by itself be considered sufficient existence of dangerous conditions making a building a substandard building, unless the building was constructed, altered, or converted in violation of those requirements in effect at the time of construction, alteration, or conversion.

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