**Apartment Habitability Checklist**

**Introduction:** When visiting a potential home, it’s important to ensure that the unit is safe, clean, and in good condition. This checklist will help you identify key habitability concerns and assist to provide informed decision toward your safe housing opportunity.

**Disclaimer:** This review does not replace a thorough inspection conducted by a municipality’s building inspector. This form is not a “statement of condition” of the apartment.

**Address of the unit:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Category** | **Question** | **✅ Yes** | **❌ No** | **Note** |
| **General Condition** | No major cracks, holes, or water damage on walls, floors, or ceilings | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| No mold, mildew, or strong odors (sewer, gas, smoke) | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Floors are even and safe (no tripping hazards) | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Windows and doors open, close, and lock properly | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| is the unit free of evidence of rodent/bugs | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| **Safety Features** | Working smoke detectors on each floor | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Working carbon monoxide detectors on each floor | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| At least two exit routes in case of emergency | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Handrails on stairs are sturdy (if applicable) | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| **Kitchen & Bathroom** | Stove and oven work properly | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Refrigerator is present and working (or tenant will provide) | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Sinks, tubs, and toilets have running hot & cold water | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| No leaks in plumbing or clogged drains | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Bathroom has a working vent or a window that opens | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| **Heating & Electrical** | Heating system works (check thermostat) | ☐ | ☐ | Type: |
| No exposed wiring; all outlets and switches have covers | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Each room has at least one working outlet and light fixture | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| **Lead Paint (If child under 6 and unit is built before 1978)** | Landlord provided Lead Compliance Letter | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| **Outside & Common Areas** | No broken steps, loose railings, or unsafe balconies | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Outside lights work (front & back) | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Trash disposal area is clean and accessible | ☐ | ☐ |  |

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_