Iowa Statewide Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) AND Shelter Assistance Fund (SAF) Programs SHELTER MINIMUM HABITABILITY STANDARDS



Instructions: Agencies receiving ESG or SAF assistance for Shelter Operations must meet minimum safety, sanitation, and privacy standards. Agencies should implement a regular inspection schedule. Inspections may be documented with this checklist by indicating approved ("A") or deficient ("D") for each standard.

Shelter Name:	
Street Address: City, State & Zip:	
Approved/ Deficient	<u>Standard</u> (24 CFR part 576.403)
	Structure and materials: The structure is structurally sound to protect the residents from the elements and not pose any threat to the health and safety of the residents.
	2. Space and security: Each resident is provided adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings. Each resident is provided an acceptable place to sleep.
	3. Interior air quality: Each room or space has a natural or mechanical means of ventilation. The interior air is free of pollutants at a level that might threaten or harm the health of residents.
	4. Water Supply: The water supply is free from contamination.
	 Sanitary Facilities: Residents have access to sufficient sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, are private, and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.
	6. <i>Thermal environment</i> : The shelter has necessary heating/cooling facilities in proper operating condition.
	7. <i>Illumination and electricity</i> : The structure has adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety. There are sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliances in the structure.
	8. Food preparation: All food preparation areas contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a safe and sanitary manner.
	9. Sanitary condition: The shelter is maintained in sanitary condition.
	 10. Fire safety: a) There is a second means of exiting the building in the event of fire or other emergency. b) There is at least one working smoke detector in each occupied unit of the shelter. c) Where possible, the smoke detectors are located near sleeping areas. d) The fire alarm system is designed for hearing-impaired residents. e) All public areas of the shelter must have at least one working smoke detector.
	11. Access. The shelter must be accessible in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8; the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100; and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq.) and 28 CFR part 35; where applicable.
I certify that I am not a HUD certified inspector and I have evaluated the Shelter to the best of my ability and find the following, as of the date of the inspection: ☐ The Shelter meets all of the above standards. ☐ The Shelter does not meet all of the above standards. (The Shelter must take steps to meet standards.)	
Ev	raluator's Name Evaluator's Signature Date