

Healthy Homes Essentials for Environmental Professionals



Exercise 3: Get a Handle on a Model Housing Code

Instructions

From the References tab in your binder, take out:

1. International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
2. HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS)

The instructor may assign you or your group specific questions to answer.

Questions:

1. If rats are found, is simply killing them sufficient to comply with the code?

- a. Yes b. No c. Maybe

2. Is a crack in an exterior brick wall a violation of the code?

- a. Yes b. No c. Maybe

3. Is a disconnected downspout a violation of the code?

- a. Yes b. No c. Maybe

4. What must be done to repair flaking interior paint?

- a. Fix cause of peeling b. Remove all paint whether peeling or not
c. Test for lead dust hazards d. Correct defective surface condition

5. Which room is not allowed to have carpeting?

- a. Kitchen b. Bathroom c. Child's Bedroom

6. Does the exhaust of an electric clothes dryer have to be vented outside?

- a. Yes b. No c. Maybe

7. Must a bathroom have an exhaust fan that vents outside?

- a. Yes b. No c. Maybe

8. Can a landlord let the air temperature go below 60°F under any circumstances?

- a. Yes b. No.

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What other model codes apply to existing buildings that are not being reconstructed?

- a. International Residential Code
- b. International Fire Code
- c. International Existing Building Code
- d. All of the above.

10. What is the minimum temperature for hot water at the tap?

- a. 43° F
- b. 110 ° F
- c. 125 ° F
- d. 68 ° F