



## Exercise 9: Practice Visual Assessment & Identify Potential Violations

**Instructions:** *The purpose of this exercise is to familiarize you with a common visual assessment tool and help you understand its strengths and weaknesses so you may better evaluate the tools that will fit your program.*

**Step 1:** *Take the packet from the References section of the binder labeled “CEHRC Visual Survey Report and Instructions”. Look through the instructions. The trainer will review key elements of the instructions and then show you a series of photos. Based on the photos complete the visual assessment form. You do not need to complete the floor plan or site plan.*

**Step 2:** *Using the International Property Maintenance Code or your local housing or other code as directed by the instructor, identify which rooms had potential violations of the law. Indicate the code sections, which problems are clearly violations and which ones require more investigation. If something requires more investigation, then identify what investigation is needed.*

**Step 3:** *Identify three strengths and three weaknesses of the CEHRC Visual Survey.*

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### About the Packet:

Healthy homes programs have developed many tools to conduct a visual assessment for healthy homes issues. Most of the healthy homes visual assessments are tailored to the particular needs of the program. Many community-based organizations used the CEHRC Visual Survey developed by the Alliance for Healthy Homes. It stands for the Community Environmental Health Resource Center.

The Visual Survey is the first step in the CEHRC hazard assessment process. The Visual Survey gives hazard investigators an initial opportunity to talk to residents about things they have noticed about their home. Looking around the outside and inside of the home, hazard investigators can begin to understand the general condition of the home, and target sampling as appropriate. Some hazards will only be assessed through the Visual Survey as visual evidence of a hazard might be sufficient to trigger control measures or other action. Others require more sampling to quantify the particular hazard.

The CEHRC’s Visual Survey consists of:

- Instructions;
- Visual Survey Report;
- Floor Plan; and
- Site Plan.

The materials are available in Spanish and English.

For this exercise, we will use the Visual Survey Report.

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## Step 2: Identify the Potential Code Violations in Photos

Area of Home	Nature of Violation/ Code Sections Potentially Violated	Nature of Violation		Responsible Person	
		Definite	Potential	Owner	Occupant
Exterior					
Porch					
Entryway					
Living Room					
Dining Room					
Kitchen					
Bedroom 1					
Bedroom 2					
Bedroom 3					
Bathroom 1					
Bathroom 2					
Basement					
Other: _____					
Other: _____					

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## Step 3: Evaluate CEHRC Visual Survey

### Three Strengths:

1.

2.

3.

### Three Weaknesses:

1.

2.

3.