

Quick List for Emergency Shelter Habitability Standards

- Building is structurally sound
 - Protects from elements
 - Does not pose threat to health/safety of residents
- Acceptable place to sleep
- Adequate space and security for residents and belongings
- Window or mechanical vent in each room
- Good air quality (no pollutants that threaten health)
- Clean water
- Working restrooms for all residents, private, clean
- Heating and cooling systems work properly
- Enough light to support normal activities, health and safety
- Enough electrical sources
- Suitable space and equipment to store, prep and serve food safely (if applicable)
- General cleanliness
- Working smoke detector in each occupied unit and all public areas
- Smoke detectors near sleeping areas
- Fire alarm designed for hearing-impaired residents
- Second emergency exits
- Access
 - No qualified individual with a disability, solely by reason of disability, is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of services, programs or activities or is subjected to discrimination.

The program or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with handicaps – this does not always require making existing facilities accessible/usable, although that is best practice. Compliance may be met by reassignment of services to accessible buildings, assigning aids, providing services at alternate sites, alteration of facilities or activities, etc. Best methods of compliance provide an integrated setting.