

STAY SAFE WITH SOCIETY

APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SAFETY

Efforts to reduce or eliminate hazards common to residential buildings involve regular inspections, communications with residents/tenants, and appropriate control measures. This handout is intended to prompt your awareness of these items.

Housekeeping

- No trash, graffiti, or evidence of criminal activity outside and no personal items stored in halls.

Condition of Building Exteriors and Exterior Lighting

- Look for uneven surfaces and potholes, etc., that may cause a trip hazard or vehicle damage.
- Downspouts should not discharge onto sidewalks or parking lots.
- Snow and ice should not be allowed to build up on sidewalks and parking lots.
- Exterior surfaces should be in good condition, attached securely, and free from substantial cracking or peeling.
- Exterior lighting: Look for malfunction, damage, or evidence of vandalism.

Grills, Fire Extinguishers, and Smoke Detectors

- Grills, if allowed, can only be used at a distance of 10 feet or more from the building.
- Are fire extinguishers present, tagged, inspected annually, in good condition, and not obstructed?
- Are smoke detectors in all units, hallways, laundry rooms, maintenance and basement areas?
- Are smoke detectors tested monthly, and are batteries replaced every 6 months?

Dumpsters

- Dumpsters should be 10 feet from building structures, covered, and not overflowing.

Emergency Action Plans

- Emergency Action Plans (fire, tornado, etc.) are available to residents and employees.
- Your automatic sprinkler system (if applicable) is tested annually on: _____.
- Building security systems are functional.

Swimming/Wading Pools

- Pool safety rules should be posted and safety equipment should be visible, accessible, and in good condition.
- Pool water should be clear. Daily maintenance records should be properly filled out.
- Pool facilities should be in compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act.

Playground and Green Space Areas

- Playground equipment has adequate equipment padding, no sharp edges, and is in good condition.
- If pets are allowed, they should be on a leash, with barking complaints addressed and droppings cleaned up.



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