

SAFE HOUSING CHECKLIST (Continued)

Fire Hazards

- Any building or portion thereof, device, apparatus, equipment, combustible waste, or vegetation that, in the opinion of the Chief of the Fire Department or his Deputy, is in such a condition as to cause a fire or explosion or provide a ready fuel to augment the spread and intensity of fire or explosion arising from any cause.

General

- Those premises on which an accumulation of weeds, vegetation, junk, dead organic matter, debris, garbage, offal, rodent harborages, stagnant water, combustible materials, and similar materials or conditions constitute fire, health, or safety hazards.
- All buildings or portions thereof not provided with adequate exit facilities as required by this code, except those buildings or portions thereof whose exit facilities conformed with all applicable laws at the time of their construction and that have been adequately maintained and increased in relation to any increase in occupant load, alteration or addition, or any change in occupancy. When an unsafe condition exists through lack of, or improper location of, exits, additional exits may be required to be installed.
- All buildings or portions thereof occupied for living, sleeping, cooking, or dining purposes that were not designed or intended to be used for those occupancies.

TO REPORT A SUBSTANDARD PROPERTY

Call 805/658-4711

*Everyone Deserves
Safe Housing*



Neighborhood Preservation serves our community with compassion to promote safe and clean neighborhoods, preserve property values, support economic vitality through education and compliance. Ventura is where we live, work, and play!

The City of Ventura Neighborhood Preservation Section is available to assist you in understanding the various codes and obtaining compliance. Contact us at 805/658.4711.

There are many ways to get involved to enhance the quality of life in our community. Participate in your Community Council – attend public meetings to connect with neighbors, volunteer, raise issues, and make a difference in your neighborhood!

Find Your Neighborhood Community Council
www.cityofventura.net/involved/communitycouncils

Volunteer Ventura!
www.cityofventura.net/volunteer



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www.cityofventura.net
Building & Safety Division
P.O. Box 99, Ventura, CA, 93002

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MAINTENANCE
RESOURCES**
IN THE CITY OF VENTURA

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- Tenant / Landlord
- Construction / Repair
- Safe Housing Checklist



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www.cityofventura.net/np

501 Poli St., Room 117, Ventura • 805/658.4711

Assistance Programs & Volunteers

Project Understanding

Rental Assistance, Eviction Prevention, Food Pantry
Address: 43 E. Vince Street, Ventura, CA
Phone: 805/652-1326
Fax: 805/652-1389

Rotary Club of Ventura

Volunteer work, clean-up programs

Contact: Ellyn Dembowski
Community Service Director
Phone: 805/320-1206
E-mail: communicator@email.com

Volunteer Ventura!

Contact: Rosie Ornelas
Volunteer Coordinator
Address: 501 Poli Street, Room 109
Ventura, CA 93001
Phone: 805/652-4555
Fax: 805/648-2934
E-mail: rornelas@cityofventura.net

Financial / Housing Assistance

Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura

- Affordable Housing Program, owner occupied with restrictions regarding resale, income qualifications, etc.

Address: 11122 Snapdragon Street, Suite 100,
Ventura, CA 93004
Phone: 805/647-5990
Fax: 805/647-4691
Website: www.hacityventura.org

Tenant / Landlord

State Department of Consumer Affairs

Website: <http://dca.ca.gov/publications/landlordbook/index.shtml>
Phone: 800/952-5210

The Housing Rights Center Mediation Services

Contact: Chancela Al-Mansour, Executive Director
E-mail: calmansour@housingrightscenter.org
Phone: 800/477-5977
Website: www.hrc.la.org

Construction / Repair

The Gas Company Direct Assistance Program and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs

- Free furnace repair or replacement (homeowners only)
- Renters and Homeowners – Ceiling insulation, weather-stripping, minor window/door repairs, pipe insulation, low-flow shower heads, fluorescent light bulbs, refrigerator programs, etc.)
- Home Energy Upgrade financing may be available

Phone: 800/331-7593
Website: www.socalgas.com/residential/assistance
Note: Have Gas Company account number available.

Construction / Repair

Habitat for Humanity Re-Store

Inexpensive recycled building materials
Address: 121 South Rice Ave., Oxnard, CA 93030
Phone: 805/981-2268
Website: www.habitatventura.org/restore

Habitat for Humanity

Grant funding for rehab of existing homes – structural, etc.
Contact: Stacy Swanson, Executive Director
Phone: 805/485-6065

Preserve a Home

(a project of Habitat for Humanity)

A program that covers rehab repairs up to \$25,000. Three categories include:
Brush with Kindness (paint & landscape work); Minor Repair (\$5,000 - \$15,000); and Critical Repair (\$15,000 - \$25,000).

Contact: Felipe Flores
Phone: 805/485-6065 x. 202
E-mail: felipef@habitatventura.org

Ventura County Contractors Association

Contact: Bob Weich, Executive Director
Phone: 805/981-8088
Website: www.vccainc.com
Use the drop down list in "search for a contractor by trade" to find contractors for construction, repairs, vegetation removal and landscaping.

Rebuilding Together

Contact: Barbara Stein, Executive Director
Phone: 805/444-1010
E-mail: barbara1stein@gmail.com

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The following is a sample of typical State defined dwelling unit safety and sanitation violations. For a complete checklist or to report a substandard condition call the City of Ventura Neighborhood Preservation (805) 658-4711 or visit www.cityofventura.net/safehousing.

Sanitation

- General dilapidation or improper maintenance.
- Lack of connection to required sewage disposal system.
- Lack of adequate garbage and rubbish storage and removal facilities.
- All plumbing that is not in good and safe condition and working properly or that has cross connections and siphonage between fixtures.

Structural

- Deteriorated or inadequate foundations.
- Members of walls, floors, ceilings, roofs, ceilings and roof supports, or other members which sag, split, or buckle due to defective material or deterioration.
- Inadequate structural resistance to horizontal forces.

Fireplaces

- Fireplaces or chimneys which list, bulge, or settle due to defective material or deterioration.

Electrical

- All wiring that is currently not in good and safe condition and working properly.

Mechanical

- All mechanical equipment that is not currently in good and safe condition and working properly.

Weather Protection

- Deteriorated or ineffective waterproofing of exterior walls, roof, foundations, or floors, including broken windows or doors.