

Safe Housing Checklist

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 Code Enforcement (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.

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.



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Phone (805) 658-4711 Fax (805) 643-7589

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Housing Maintenance Resource Guide



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To Report a Substandard Property,
Call 805/658-4711

Everyone Deserves Safe Housing

Fire Chief's Message

Our Fire Department is committed to preserving and promoting the safety of all who live, work and visit our beautiful City. We recognize that every resident plays an important role in our community and deserves a safe place to live. Readers will find resources offered by public, private, and non-profit agencies as well as volunteer organizations. We hope that you will find this brochure a positive and useful resource.

Mike Lavery, Fire Chief

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 Demvowski
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

- Housing Preservation Program for owner occupied, single family dwelling, low income households.
- Homebuyer's Assistance Program, mortgage assistance for income qualifying homebuyers.
- 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: Frances Espinoza, Executive Director

Phone: 213/387-8400

Website: <http://dca.ca.gov/publications/landlordbook/index.shtml>

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

Note: Have Gas Company account number available.

Habitat for Humanity Re-Store

Inexpensive recycled building materials

Address: 167 Lambert Street, Oxnard, CA

Phone: 805/485-6065

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: Frances Prince, Executive Director

Phone: 805/492-1054

E-mail: fprince@roadrunner.com