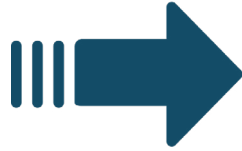


# HQS



# NSPIRE

## What's Changing?

NSPIRE introduces many new variations from the Housing Quality Standards (HQS), including the categories below. Review the standards *before* inspections are scheduled, use resources provided by HUD, and learn more on the [NSPIRE webpage](#).



**Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms:** New requirements for installation, type, location, and number of alarms



**Infestations:** More than just roaches and bedbugs—new inspection process and repair times (e.g., infestation vs *extensive* infestations)



**Handrails/Guardrails:** Repair time frames and other requirements, such as handrails along both sides of certain ramps



**Mold-Like Substances:** New process that requires equipment for detecting elevated moisture levels and mold-like substances

See the ***Top 20 NSPIRE Deficiencies*** job aid for the most common inspection fails.

## Best Practices

See [HUD's NSPIRE checklist](#) to become more familiar with deficiencies and repair times.

Review previous years' deficiencies and ensure repairs were made.

Conduct your own quality control inspections of units regularly.

