

## **A CHECKLIST FOR HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS**

The unit you choose must be “safe, sanitary and decent.” Use this checklist to help determine if the unit will pass basic inspection guidelines.

### **BUILDING EXTERIOR**

Are foundation, stairs, rails, gutters and porch sound and free from hazards or deterioration?  
Is there a handrail for four or more steps?  
Are the chimney and other brickwork free of loose bricks and mortar?  
Is the paint chipping, peeling or cracking?

### **LIVING ROOM**

Are there two working electrical outlets or one outlet and one light fixture?  
Can ground floor windows be locked?  
Are the windows and frames in good condition?  
Is the paint peeling, chipping or cracking?

### **KITCHEN**

If the appliances are provided, are they working properly?  
Is the plumbing free from leaks and working properly?  
Are there two working electrical outlets or one outlet and one light fixture?  
Can all windows be locked and are they in good condition?  
Is the paint peeling, chipping or cracking?  
Is there adequate space for storage and food preparation?

### **BATHROOM**

Are the tub, sink, shower and toilet in good condition and working properly?  
Is there an operable, lockable window or an air vent?  
Are floors, ceilings and walls clean and in good condition?  
Are there two working electrical outlets or one outlet and one light fixture?

### **BEDROOMS**

Are there enough bedrooms for your family?  
Is there a window in good condition in each bedroom?  
If the bedroom is on the first floor, does the window lock?  
Are there two working electrical outlets or one outlet and one light fixture in each bedroom?  
Are floors, ceilings and walls clean and in good condition?  
Is the paint peeling, chipping or cracking?

### **OTHER ROOMS AND AREAS**

Do the furnace and water heater work and are they in good condition?  
Does the unit contain smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors?  
Does the hot water heater have a pressure release valve and discharge six to eight (6 to 8) inches from the floor?  
Does the unit have at least two exits?  
Are all rooms well lit and free from electrical hazards?  
Are the house and yard free from trash and other debris?  
Does the furnace provide adequate heat for all rooms, including the bathroom?