

## **704 FOUNDATIONS, STRUCTURAL MEMBERS, AND EXTERIOR WALLS**

- 704.1 Foundations and structural members shall provide a safe, firm, and substantial base and support for the structure at all points.
- 704.2 Exterior walls shall be structurally sound and free of cracks and holes through which rodents or the elements can enter the buildings.
- 704.3 Masonry walls shall be kept pointed.
- 704.4 All exterior surfacing materials shall be kept securely fastened in place.
- 704.5 All exterior wood surfaces shall be kept painted, varnished, shellacked, or covered with other preservative, unless the wood is customarily used in its natural state.

SOURCE: The Housing Regulations of the District of Columbia, 5G DCRR §§ 2503 and 2512, Commissioners' Order 55-1503 (August 11, 1955).