

**5324 CORRECTING HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS
DEFICIENCIES DURING INITIAL INSPECTIONS**

- 5324.1 DCHA shall schedule a timely inspection of the unit upon receipt of a Request for Lease Approval and Lease. The Family and the owner shall be notified of the results.
- 5324.2 Prior to the scheduled inspection, the participant shall be provided with a pre-inspection checklist to be completed by the owner or landlord and returned to DCHA before the first initial inspection visit.
- 5324.3 If the unit fails the Housing Quality standards inspection, DCHA shall schedule a re-inspection.
- 5324.4 On an initial new move-in inspection, the owner shall generally be given fourteen (14) days to correct the items noted as "Fail" depending on the extent of the repairs that have to be made, unless there are extenuating circumstances. However, the owner shall be required to complete the repairs by the Lease Start Date.
- 5324.5 The owner shall generally be allowed up to one (1) re-inspection for repair work to be completed. Depending on the amount and complexity of work to be done, the Inspections Department may move the re-inspection out beyond fourteen (14) days.
- 5324.6 If the time period given by the Inspector to correct the repairs (or two (2) failed re-inspections, if required by the Inspector) expires, the Family may select another unit or, if they want to continue to try to lease this unit, the Family and owner shall have to submit another Request for Lease Approval.
- 5324.7 Upon submission of a Request for Lease Approval and Lease, the term of the voucher is suspended, such that if a unit does not pass Housing Quality Standards, or the lease is not approved by DCHA, the remaining time on the voucher is available to the Family without requesting an extension.

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