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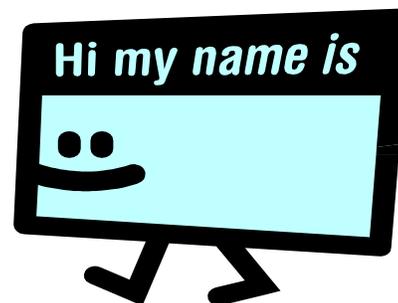
Inspector Administration (IA) UPCS Certified Inspector Newsletter

UPCS Refresher Training

UPCS Inspector Refresher Training is available through the PASS Training Learning Management System (LMS). Inspectors are encouraged to routinely utilize this training to remain current with the UPCS inspection protocol and established guidelines for completing inspections. For additional information email REAC_PASS_Training@hud.gov.

Inspector Identification Badges

New Inspector ID badges are coming!! Inspector Administration is diligently working to distribute new inspector ID credentials to all inspectors. Inspectors will receive an email from IA that will include requirements for producing new identification credentials. We ask that during this time please do not contact the TAC regarding the issuance of new inspector ID badges. Defer all questions to the IA mailbox at REAC_Inspector_Admin@hud.gov. We appreciate your patience and will make every attempt to expedite this process.



Personal Identity Verification

[Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 \(HSPD-12\)](#) establishes a policy for a common identification standard for federal employees and contractors and mandates a federal standard for secure and reliable forms of identification. Authentication of an individual's identity is an essential component when controlling access to information systems and secured facilities. All HUD contractors must be in compliance with this directive. Therefore, UPCS Certified inspectors are subject to the Personal Identity Verification (PIV) process and will be required to submit a Contractor Request for Security Approval Packet to HUD's Personnel Security Division within the near future.



Inspectors will receive the Contractor Request for Security Approval packet from IA along with any additional instructions for successfully navigating through the PIVing process. We know this procedure demands more time and effort. But we are confident that this directive will provide the benefits of its intended purpose and protect the interests of HUD's clients and business partners.

New Personal Identity Verification (PIV) requirement for all REAC UPCS Certified Contract Inspectors

IA will assist all inspectors with this process and facilitate any questions or concerns you may have during this time. We appreciate your patience and cooperation. Stay tuned for further instructions.

INSPECTION REMINDERS

Inspection Comments - Bed Bugs

Recently there have been instances of inspectors failing to include comments relating to bed bugs during inspections. In accordance with [Inspector Notice No. 2010-01, UPCS Inspection Protocol Other Hazards – Bed Bug Infestation](#), which became effective September 13, 2010, inspectors are required to report the presence or existence of bed bugs at any property being inspected. Inspectors are required to inquire of the property representative or management if there has been reports of bedbugs in any unit. Additionally, the inspector must populate the "Comments" field under "Property Information" tab as "no bed bugs reported" or "yes bed bugs reported." Please remember that this is an inspection requirement and failure to adhere to the notice may result in administrative action by IA.



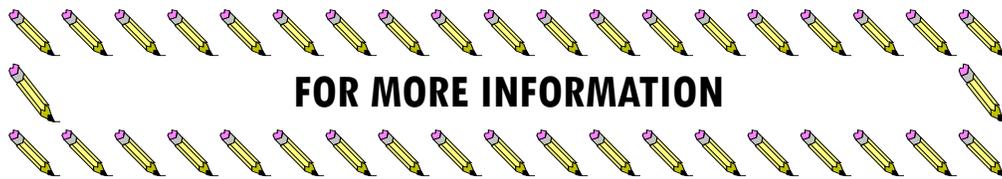
Exit Signs

Please ensure that during inspections exit signs are properly checked to determine if deficiencies exist. In accordance with the REAC Compilation Bulletin:

1. If there has never been an exit sign, HUD does not require one to be installed. (Missing exit signs are not a deficiency if there is no evidence that there ever was one.)

2. All exit signs need to be illuminated day and night either internally or externally. Exit signs designed with a testing feature are to be tested and must function as designed. If deficient record under Health and Safety, Missing Exit Signs.

Adhering to these guidelines will assist inspectors in performing within UPCS Inspection Protocol.



Email questions or comments to REAC_Inspector_Admin@hud.gov

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REAC Compilation Bulletin

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Inspector Notices and User Guides

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PROTOCOL CHECK

A missing or inoperable mechanical stopper (in both a tub or sink) shall be recorded as a Level 1. Verify existence of deficiency before citing the property.

