

## NYC Fire and Building Code Violations

Every city has a housing code that applies to both rental and owner-occupied dwellings. These codes specify certain minimal standards of cleanliness, access, and safety that must be met *or a person can be evicted*. Fixing the violations listed below can help a person avoid eviction. For more information, please refer to the [NYC Housing Maintenance Code](#).

### Major violations include:

#### Exits

- ☐ Blocking of doors to public hallways
- ☐ Blocking or fire escape
- ☐ Unsanitary conditions outside dwelling unit

#### Bathroom

- ☐ Non-working toilets, bathtubs, and sinks\*
- ☐ No or insufficient hot or cold water (including quantity, pressure, and temperature) for a period of 24 hours or longer
- ☐ Unsanitary conditions

#### Kitchen

- ☐ No or insufficient hot or cold water (including quantity, pressure, and temperature) for a period of 24 hours or longer
- ☐ Non-working stoves\*
- ☐ Non-working sinks \*
- ☐ Combustibles in or near stoves or radiators
- ☐ Unsanitary conditions

#### General

- ☐ Accumulation of waste matter in dwelling unit
- ☐ Insect and rodent Infestations
- ☐ Non-working electrical outlets
- ☐ Overloading of outlets
- ☐ Non-working smoke detector
- ☐ Combustibles nearby radiator
- ☐ Improper storage of combustible materials
- ☐ Not allowing owner or agent to enter apartment for repairs

\*In rental buildings, even though repair and maintenance is the owner's responsibility, a tenant must allow the owner or agent to enter the apartment to make necessary repairs or the tenant is in violation