Landlords

**Please double check Carbon Monoxide and
Smoke Detectors compliance**

HUD INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

It is a best practice to regularly monitor federal, state, and local fire codes for updates to ensure compliance. In addition, the following fire safety requirements are incorporated into HUD's inspection standards:

- The building must provide an alternate means of exit in case of fire, such as fire stairs or **egress** through windows.

- **Smoke detectors** must be in proper working condition and located on each level of the rental unit according to Housing Quality Standards (HQS) for housing choice voucher (HCV) units and Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) for public housing units.

- **Carbon monoxide alarms** or detectors must be installed in all public housing, housing choice voucher, and project-based voucher units by December 27, 2022, as required by HUD in Notice PIH 2022-01.

NSPIRE - PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS

National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) are HUD's **proposed** inspection standards that would align and replace HQS and UPCS.

NSPIRE fire safety requirements:

- **Method of Egress** includes a safe, continuous, and unobstructed path of travel from any point in the building, unit, or structure to get out of the building.

- **Smoke alarms** must be installed on each level and inside each sleeping area (to conform with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 72 – National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code.)

- **Carbon monoxide alarms** must conform with the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC).

- **Fire-labeled doors** must be fully functional and operable.

- **Sprinkler heads** must be functional and unobstructed.