# Arlington Housing Authority

Inspections and Contracts





## **Arlington Housing Authority Basics**

\$49M yearly budget

Assist low-income families with rental assistance

45% of our families are elderly and/or disabled

93% have income

Consistently have families searching for a unit

# Housing Inspections

Housing Quality
Standards (HQS)
is HUD
inspection
standard

All assisted units are required to be inspected

- Before move in
- At least annually after initial move in

HQS is different than what Code enforces

### Goals of HQS

- Safe
- Decent
- Sanitary

### Electrical

- Outlets
- Panels
- GFI's
- Cover plates



## Plumbing

- P-traps
- Leaks
- Faucets
- Water heaters



### **Provided Appliances**

- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Microwaves
- Washer and dryers
- Dishwashers



### Windows

- Open and stays open
- Locks
- Window panes



Exterior Doors Interior Doors

Locks

Weather tight Where required?





## **Protect** Your **Family** From Lead in Your Home







**United States Consumer Product** Safety Commission

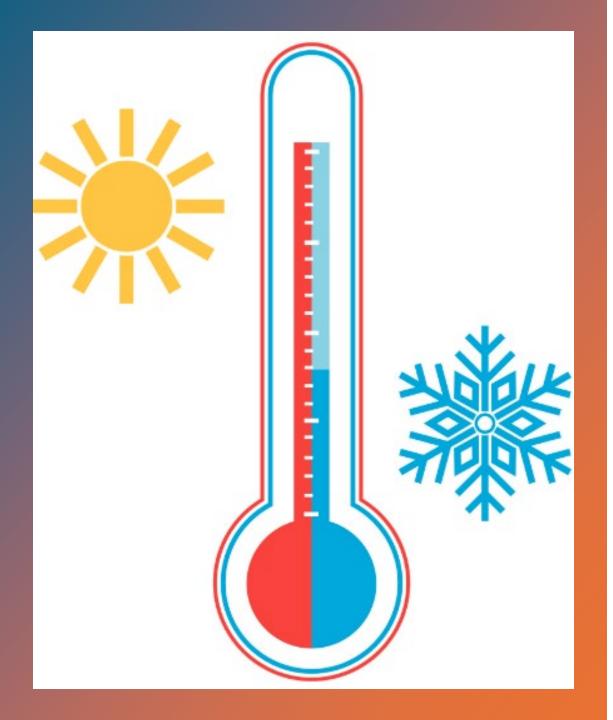


United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

## What does Housing Inspect?

### Paint

- Built prior to 1978
- Lead Based Paint



### **HVAC**

- Must cool to at least 15 degrees cooler than outside temperature
- Heat must be provided and not have any hazards or gas leaks

### **Smoke Detectors**

- On each level of unit
- In the common hall of bedrooms
- In each bedroom
  - No closer than 36" from AC vent, windows or exterior drafts
  - If mounted on ceiling, must be more than 4" from the wall
  - If mounted on wall, no closer than 4" or more than 12" from the ceiling
- Smoke alarm can not be painted or have stickers on them

### Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- Required if a unit has a
  - Fireplace
  - Attached garage
  - Gas appliances
- Required
  - On each level of the unit
  - In common hall of bedrooms

# CARBON MONOXIDE THE SILENT KILLER





## ARLINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

When are contracts issued?

- New move in
- Change in utilities

## How Contracts Work

Housing Authority Landlord Tenant

