



Hoarding

Did you know that hoarding is dangerous?

- ◆ Hoarding is the excessive collection and retention of things or animals to the extent it interferes with day to day function, sanitation, and safety within the home.

What are the associated regulations found in the Virginia Property Maintenance Code?

- ◆ The interior of every structure shall be free of excessive accumulations.
- ◆ A safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel shall be provided throughout the structure and to points of egress.

Why is it Dangerous?

- ◆ Excessive storage burdens structural components, which may cause them to weaken, fail, or collapse.
- ◆ Lack of sanitation/maintenance may cause health risks to occupants and attract pests.
- ◆ Collections of combustible materials, like newspapers and magazines, and the lack of clearance around electrical devices/mechanical appliances are fire hazards.
- ◆ Blocked bedroom windows, hallways, stairwells, and aisles drastically decreases an occupant's ability to escape in the event of a fire and can interfere with and endanger an emergency responder.

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This Fairfax County, Va. publication (January 2024) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.