

# NSPIRE Inspection Types


There are three types of inspections under NSPIRE.  
Applicable NSPIRE inspection types may vary by program or property type.



### Self-Inspections

**Who:** Property owners/management  
**What:** All deficiencies reported to HUD  
**When:** Once a year  
**Where:** All units  
**Why:** To gain a reasonable level of confidence in results & to ensure work orders are being generated.


Reasonable Assurance into Property's Condition



### NSPIRE Inspections

**Who:** Contract inspectors and public housing agencies  
**What:** NSPIRE  
**When:** Periodic inspections (1-3 years)  
**Where:** High sample rate  
**Why:** To gain a high level of confidence in results.

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### NSPIRE Plus Inspections

**Who:** HUD Federal inspectors  
**What:** NSPIRE Plus  
**When:** Requested, or triggered by poor conditions  
**Where:** Highest sample rate  
**Why:** To gain the highest level of confidence in results.

Evidentiary Support to Enforcement and/or Sanctions

## Self-Inspections

Under NSPIRE, properties will inspect all units and submit their inspection results electronically to HUD on an annual basis. While not scored, self-inspections provide additional data to REAC between NSPIRE inspections to ensure that properties are visiting every unit at least once a year, identifying maintenance and modernization needs, and generating work orders on a regular basis. Self-inspections are a key component of ensuring properties are maintained year-round and encourage regular, preventative maintenance rather than “just-in-time” repairs ahead of HUD-conducted inspections.

## NSPIRE Inspections

NSPIRE inspections are conducted mainly by contract inspectors and public housing agencies every one to three years, depending on a property's previous inspection score. NSPIRE inspections focus on deficiencies deemed to be the most important indicators of housing quality. NSPIRE inspections may use a high sample rate and are intended to provide HUD a high level of confidence in the inspection results.

## NSPIRE Plus Inspections

HUD Federal inspectors may conduct additional inspections, which may be triggered by poor property conditions. These inspections can also be requested by other HUD offices. These additional inspections may use the highest sampling rate and provide HUD the highest level of confidence in a property's condition. Scoring results provide evidence-based data to justify and support enforcement actions.