

## **What is inadequate or substandard housing?**

Habitat for Humanity defines inadequate and substandard housing as any one, or more, of the following:

- Structural problems
- Inadequate or unsafe electrical system, plumbing, lack of an indoor bathroom
- Lack of functioning entrance and exit points
- Unsafe or unreliable heating system
- Dangerous neighborhood
- Unhealthy conditions, including, but not limited to, mold or pest infestation
- Inoperable kitchen or bathroom
- Little or no insulation
- Broken or missing windows
- Inadequate number of bedrooms as determined by number, age or gender of household
- Homelessness – living with friends, relatives or in temporary housing
- Cost of rent plus utilities (excluding telephone) exceeds 30% of family's monthly income
- Cannot accommodate the needs of a handicapped household member