

Deficiencies in the Existing Belknap County Jail and House of Corrections Facility

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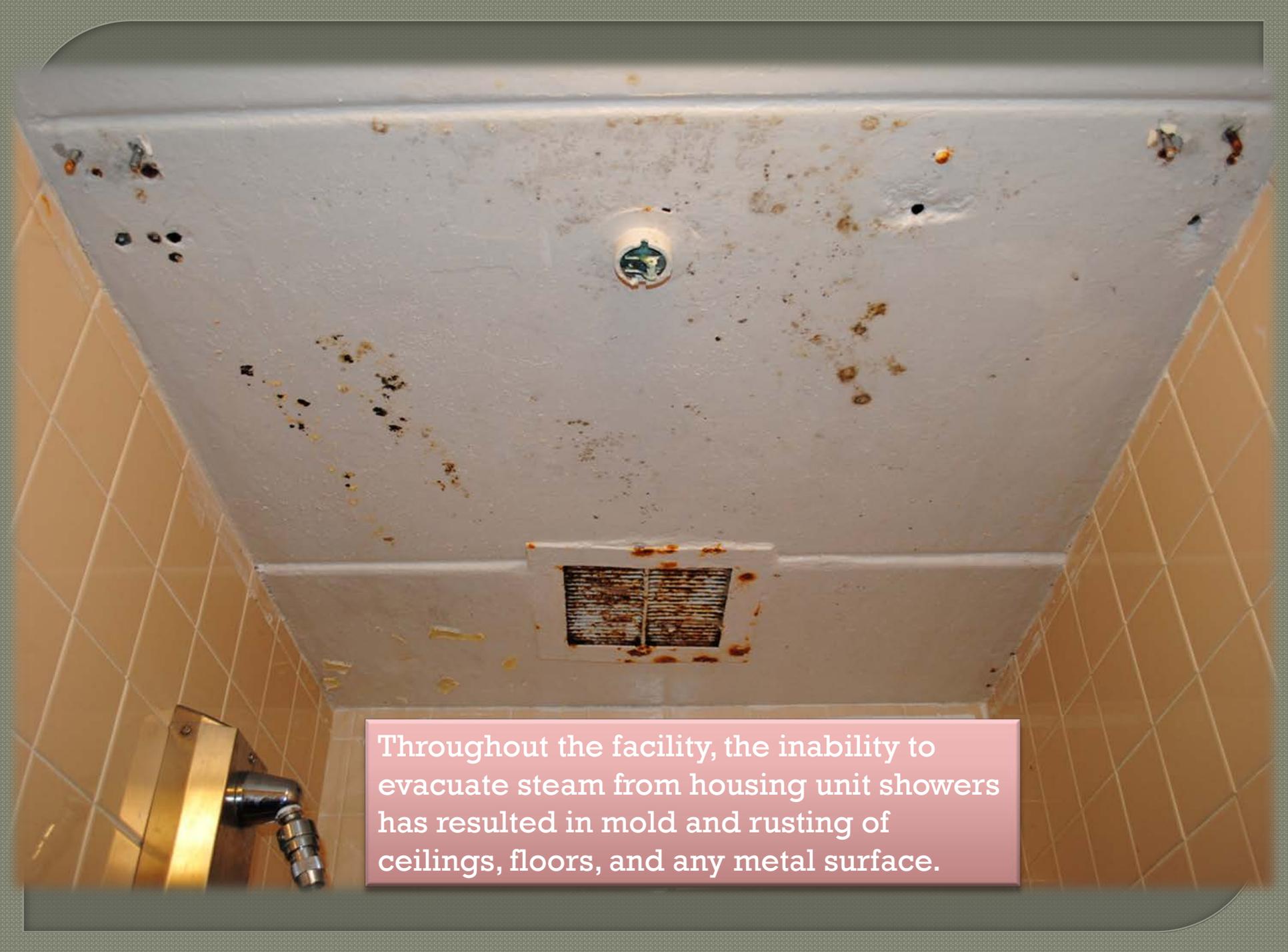
Many door locks have strike plates that are broken, bent, or no longer can receive a lock bolt.



Many of the cell door locks have been destroyed or parts taken to repair others.

Some cells have no lock parts in them at all!





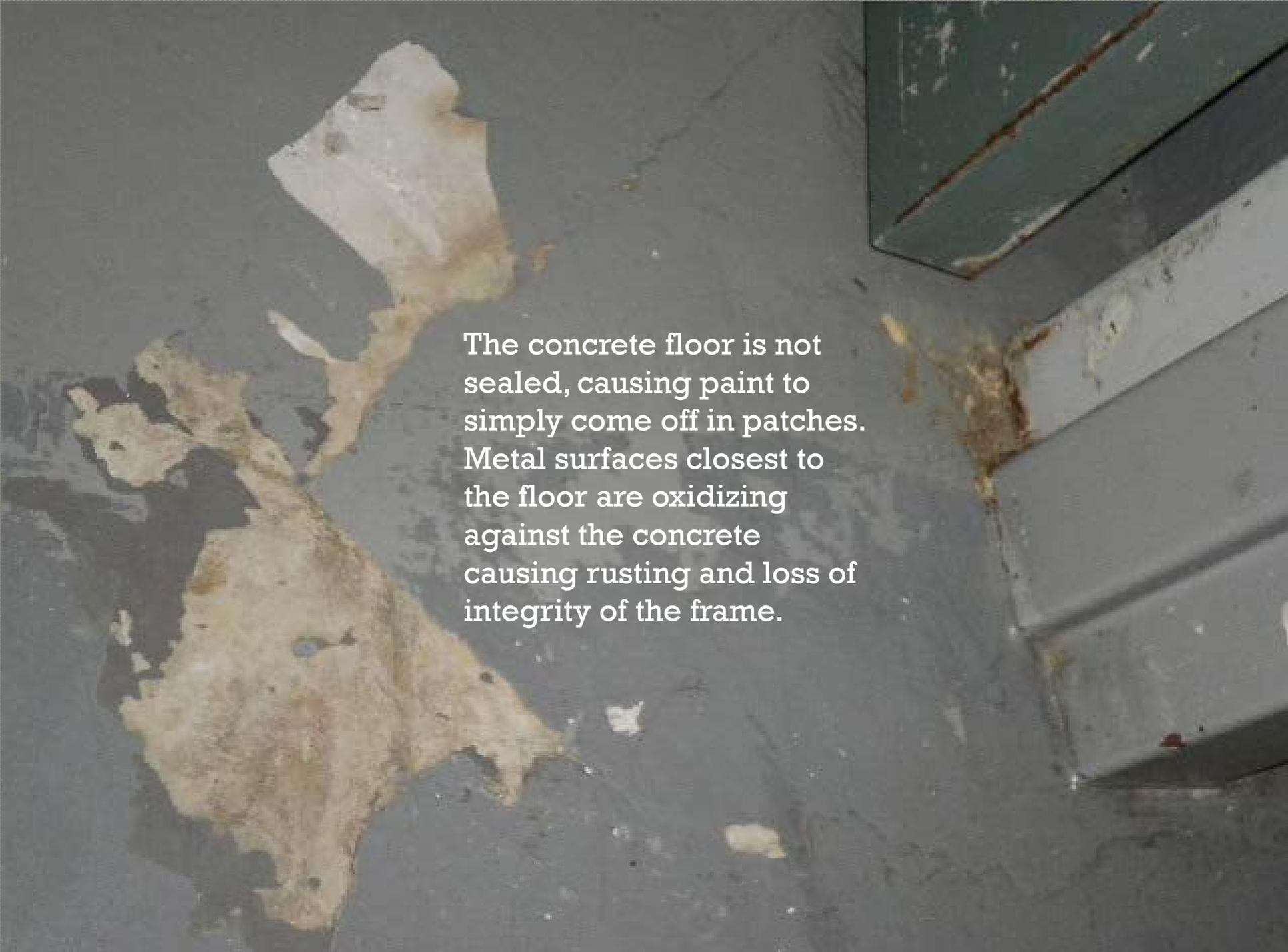
Throughout the facility, the inability to evacuate steam from housing unit showers has resulted in mold and rusting of ceilings, floors, and any metal surface.



Years of wear has resulted in bunk seams separating. These occur in every housing unit. Spot repairs were unsuccessful.



Bunks have to be re-welded, ground down and re-painted.

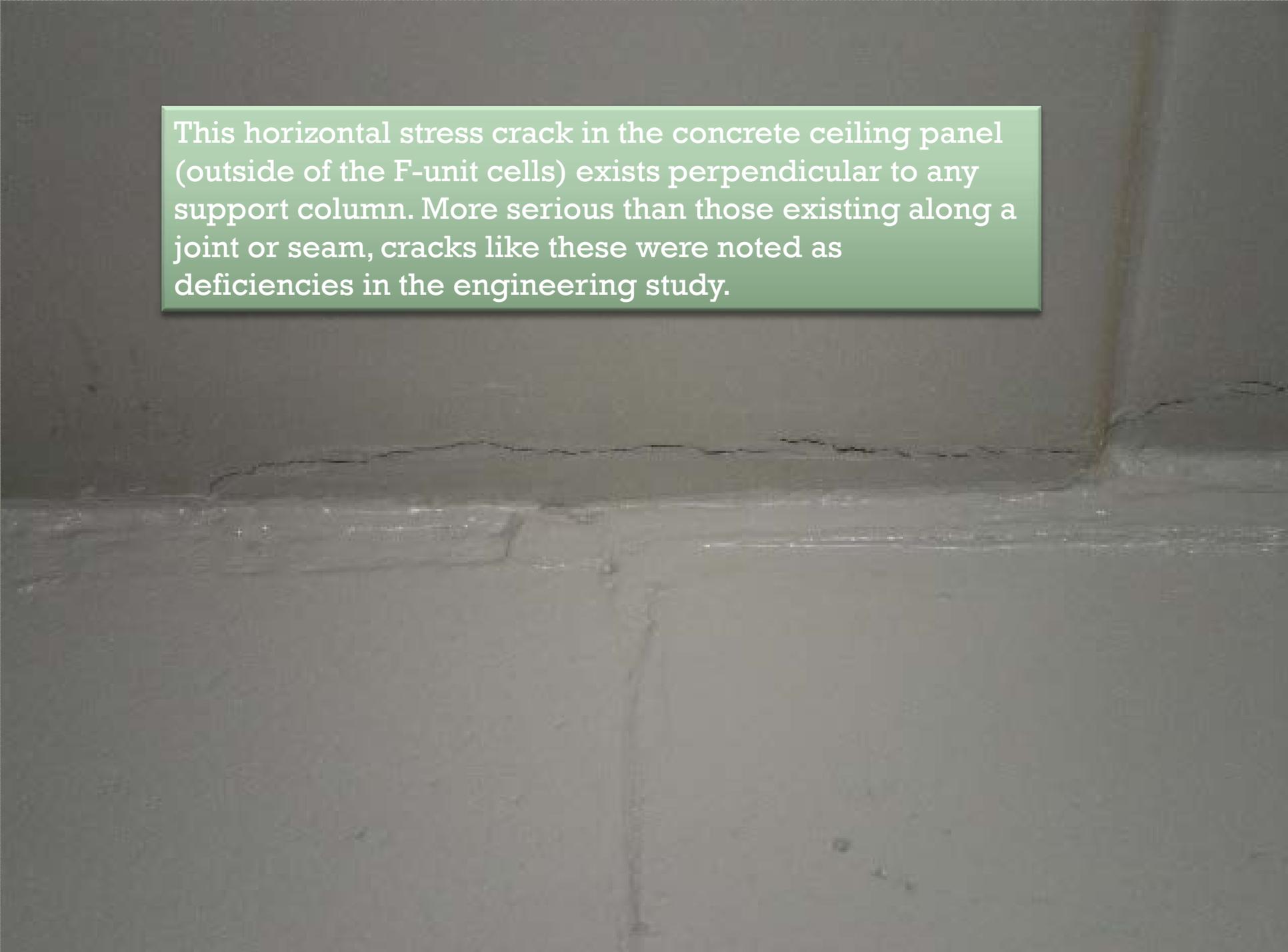
The image shows a close-up of a grey concrete floor. Large, irregular patches of white and light-colored paint are peeling away, revealing the underlying concrete. To the right, a metal structure, possibly a frame or part of a machine, is visible. The metal surfaces are heavily corroded, showing significant rusting and loss of material, particularly at the corners and joints. The overall scene depicts severe deterioration and lack of maintenance.

The concrete floor is not sealed, causing paint to simply come off in patches. Metal surfaces closest to the floor are oxidizing against the concrete causing rusting and loss of integrity of the frame.

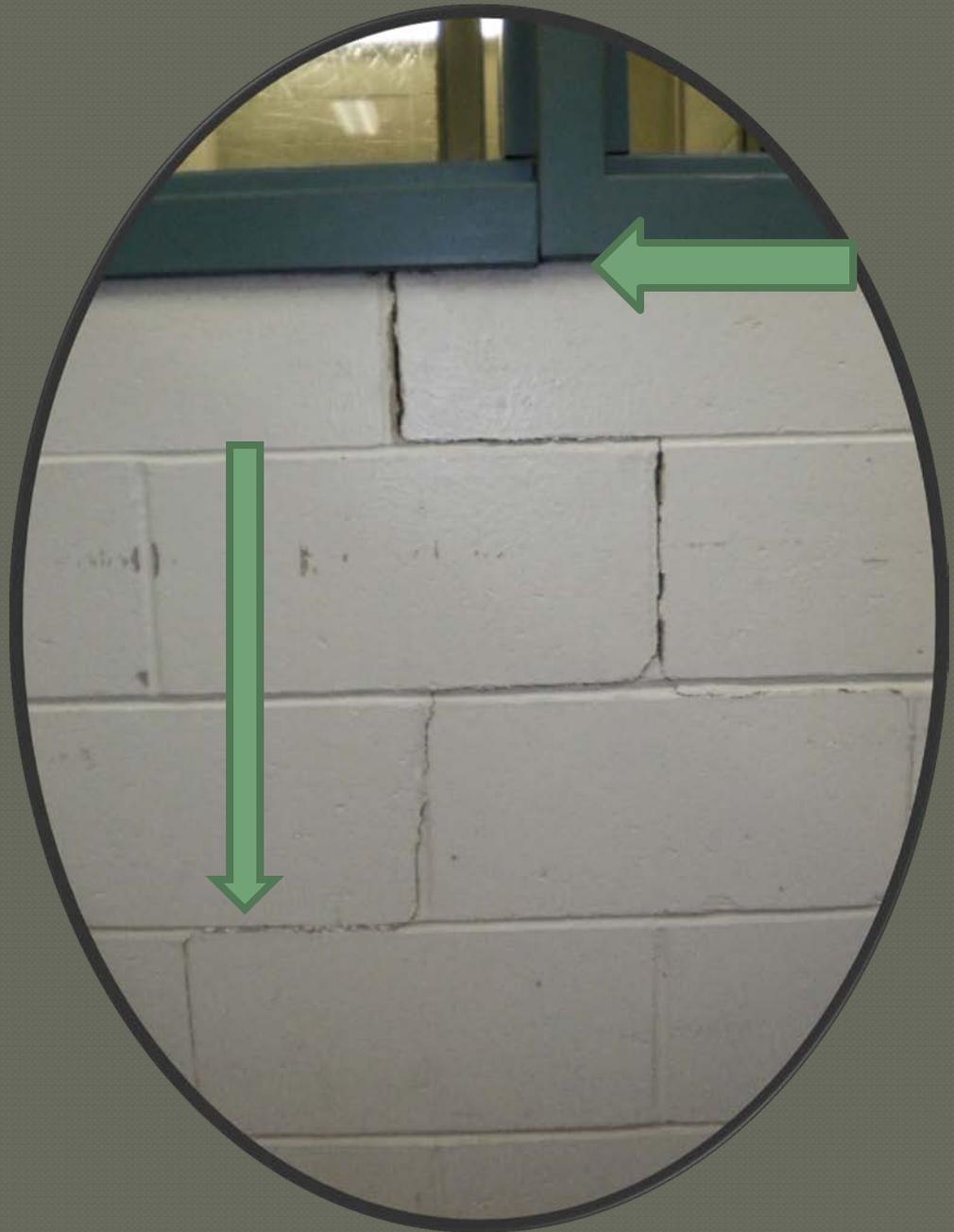


Rusting of the metal plumbing chases in the holding cells is weakening the bases – you can kick through some areas already – paint is covering what is weak behind it!

This horizontal stress crack in the concrete ceiling panel (outside of the F-unit cells) exists perpendicular to any support column. More serious than those existing along a joint or seam, cracks like these were noted as deficiencies in the engineering study.



Building settling in the File Storage Room is pushing the window frames down and cracking all of the wall blocks!



Cracks along ceiling panel seams exist throughout the booking, processing and reception spaces.













Cracks along the grout lines
(illustrated in this slide and the
next reveal missing grout from
both sides of a block.

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In many of these areas where grout is already weakened, the grout can be removed and the whole block can be moved, and contraband hidden – Toothpaste covers the hidden items and appears to be “normal”!

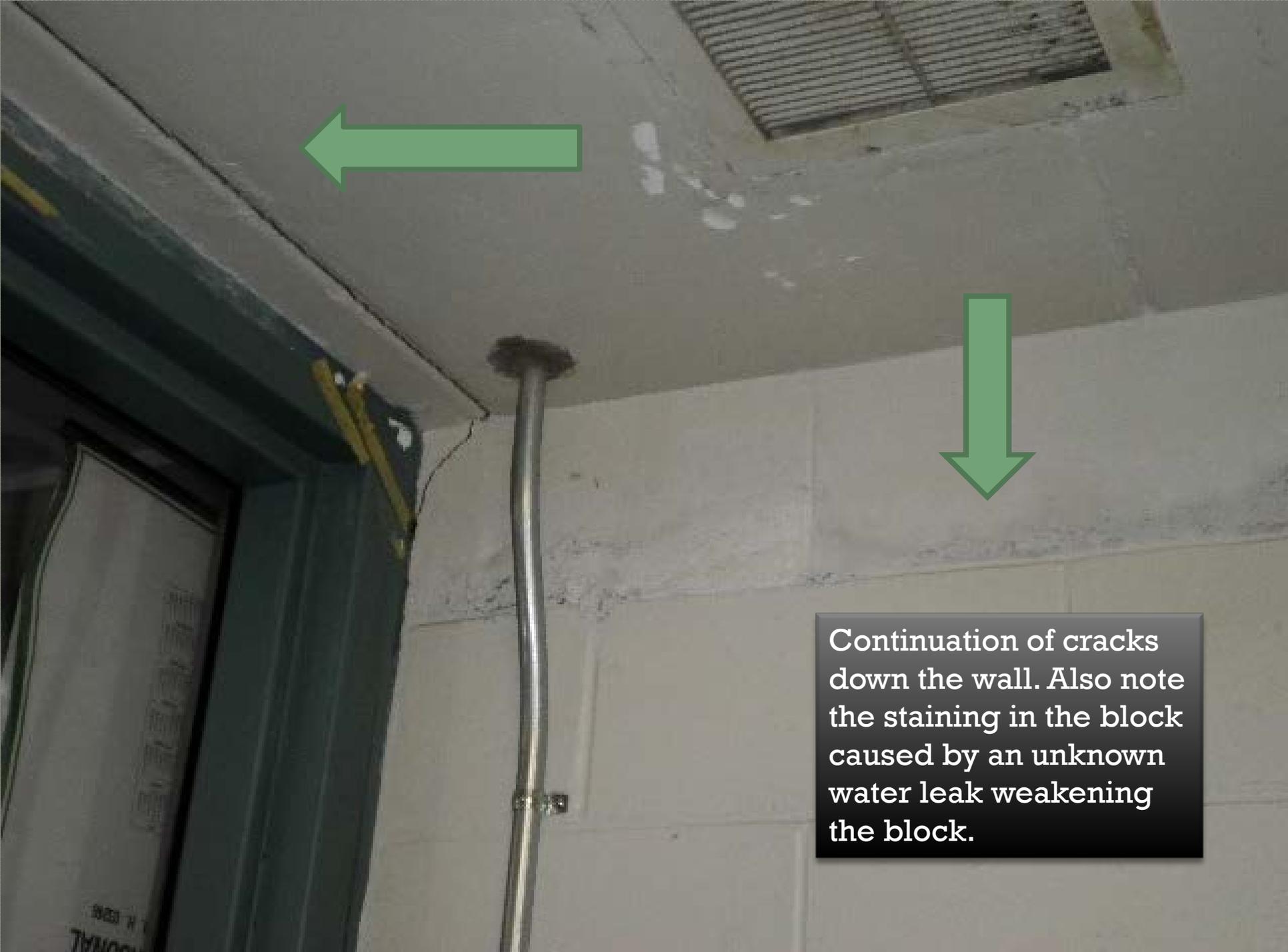
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This crack line along the concrete ceiling panel in the processing file room runs in excess of 12 feet and extends down BOTH walls.





Continuation of cracks down the wall. Also note the staining in the block caused by an unknown water leak weakening the block.

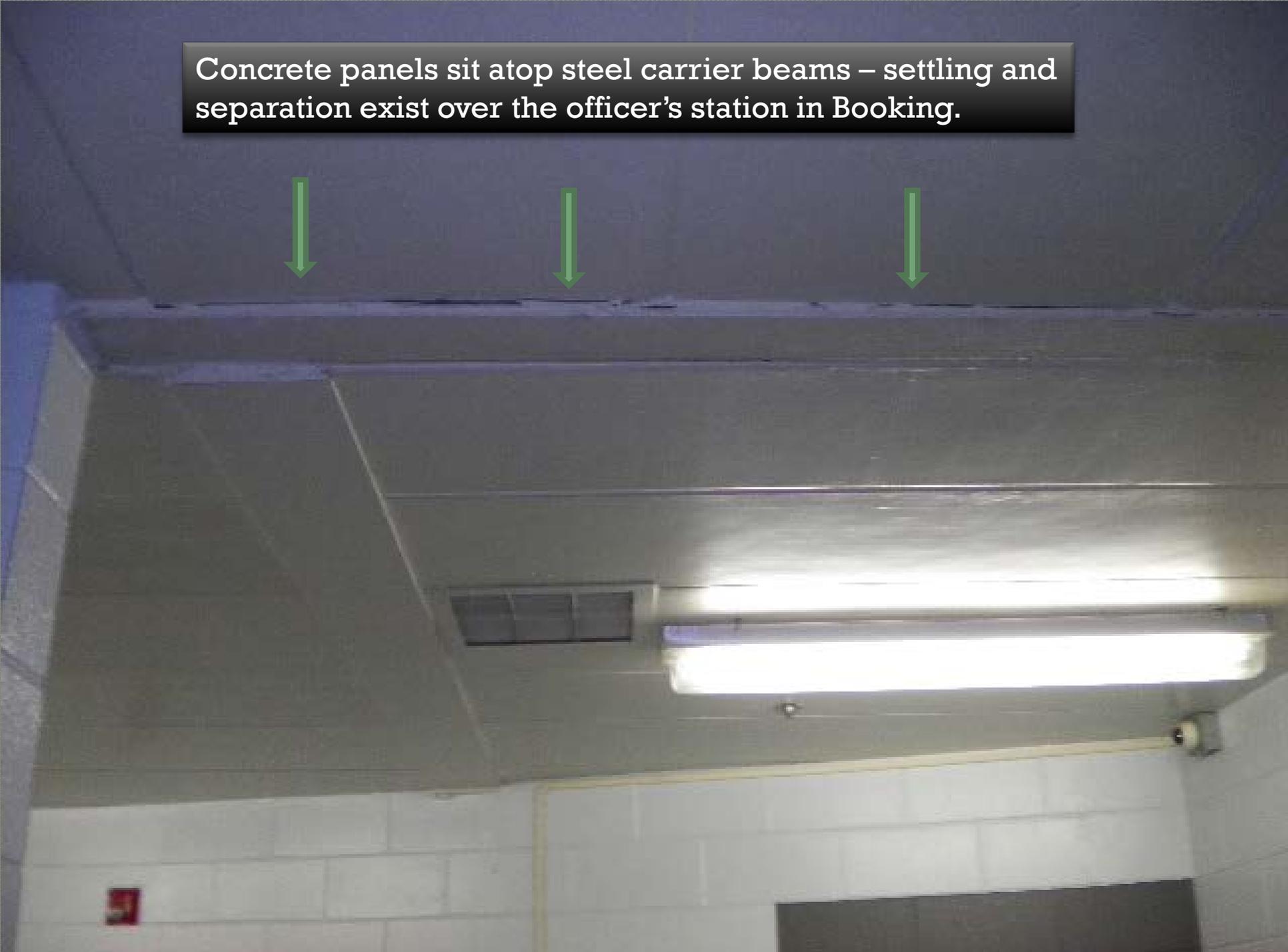






Missing lighting
fixture covers –
covers no longer
made for old
lighting.

Concrete panels sit atop steel carrier beams – settling and separation exist over the officer's station in Booking.



Unknown moisture within the walls in the Visiting Room is causing paint to flake off in large sections – attempts to scrape and repaint have been unsuccessful.







Clear plastic sheets taped to the wall with Duct Tape to prevent water from the showers running in to the wall and through the floors to the housing unit below.

The inside of the women's shower. (16 women share this space) – cannot be cleaned or sanitized.



MOLD and leaking from
Women's Shower in to the
Men's House of Correction
Dorm



Men Shower
in the
House of
Corrections



Tiles are
dropping off
the wall – only
two of the four
heads work
(for 32 men)

Rusted pipes, missing insulation, broken hanger brackets and missing shower components rounds off the House of Correction shower deficiencies.



As the metal door frames rust away, each is cut away to prevent jagged edges and the ability to turn pieces of the metal into weapons.





Its
RAINING
again

Trash barrels
placed in the
gym to collect
rain water
from the
ceiling
(cuppola)



Water leaking in to the lighting system in the gym ceiling

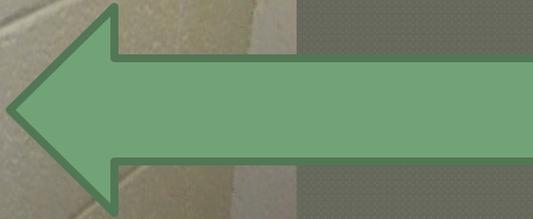
Electrical conduit is breaking down and exposing wiring in many of the electrical cabinets throughout the facility.



In the HOC Water Closet

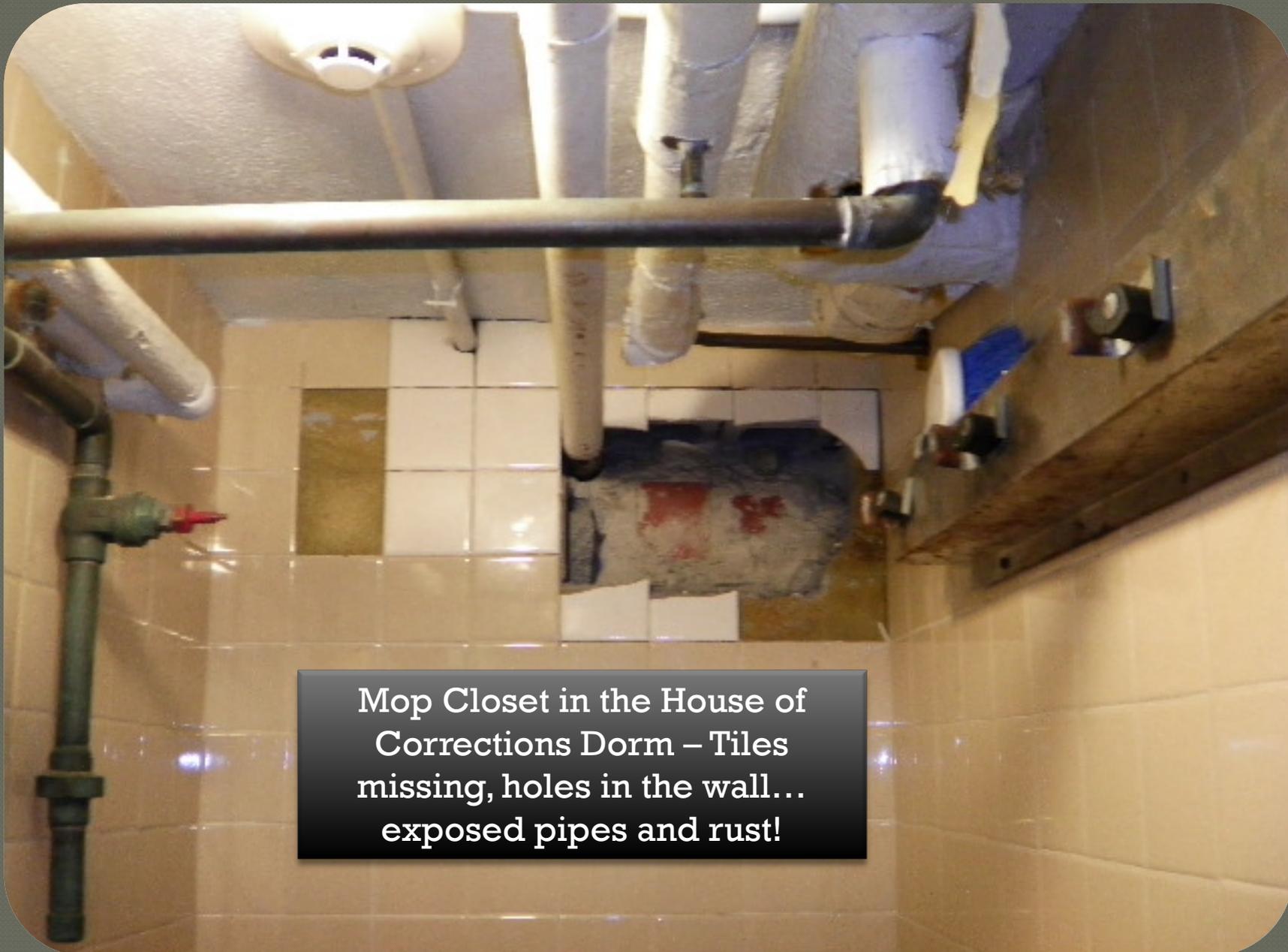


**Crumbling
concrete in the
corridor walls**





Step is missing from the gym egress door into the evacuation yard. You have to jump in/out the door!



Mop Closet in the House of
Corrections Dorm – Tiles
missing, holes in the wall...
exposed pipes and rust!

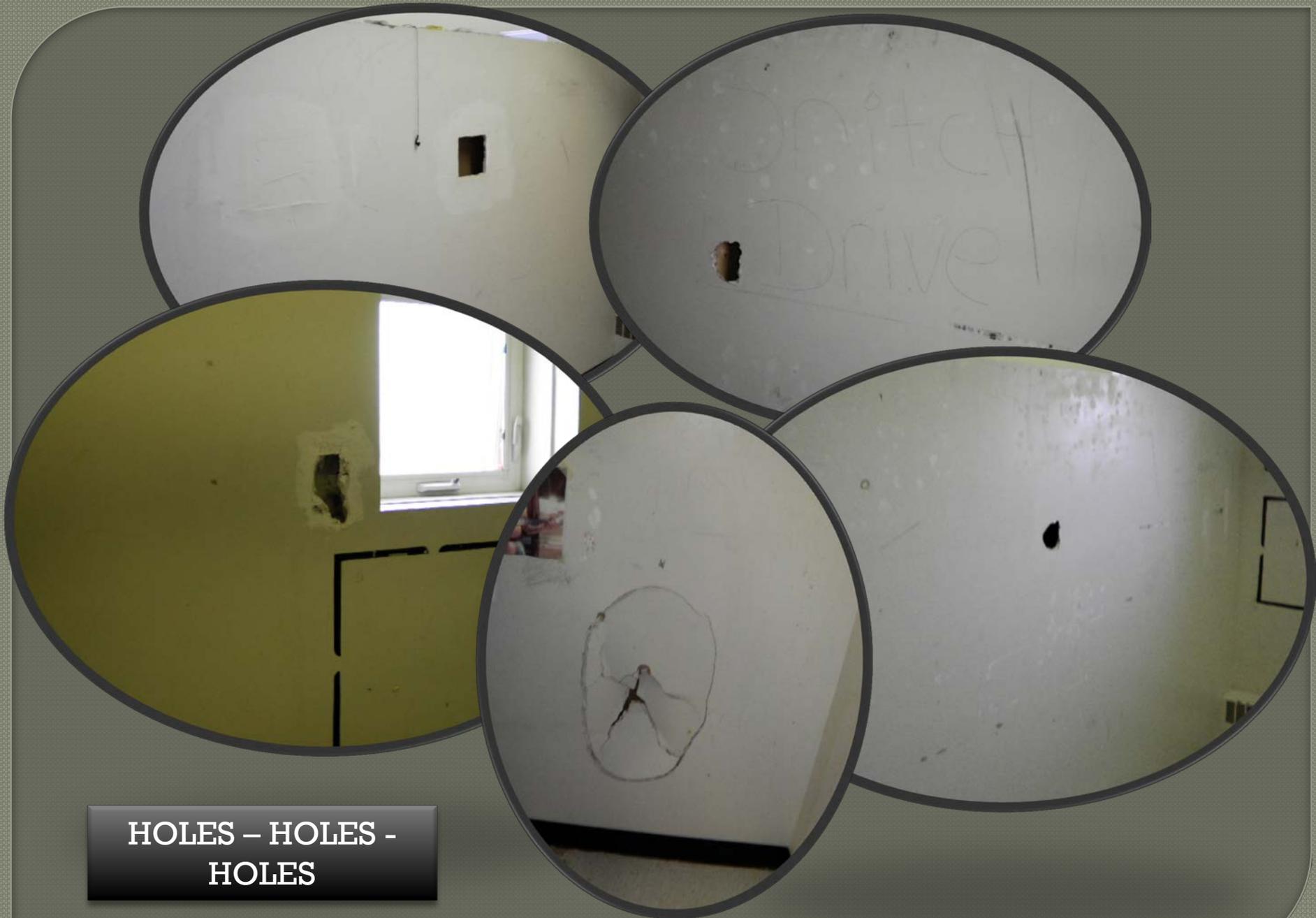


Stainless steel seats in J-7
and J-12 are bent and no
longer hold inmates'
weight

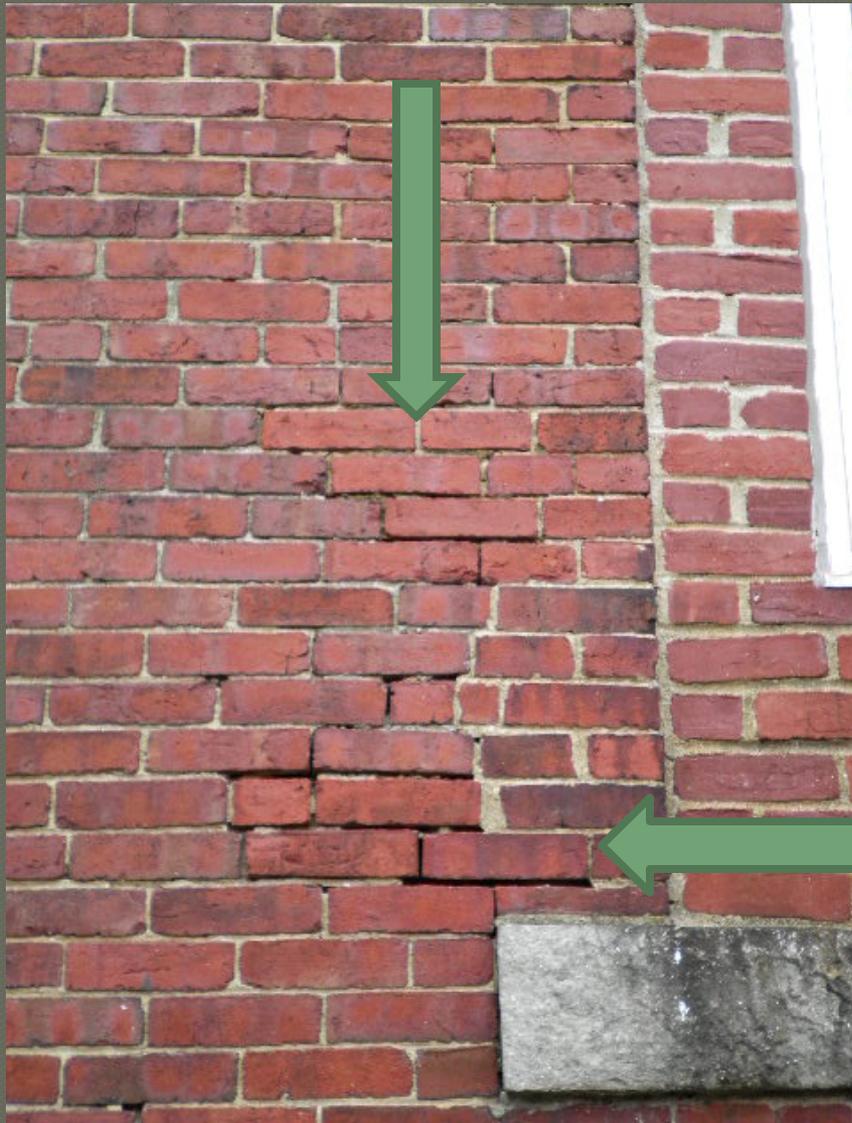




NONE of the cushions remain on seats
in the House of Correction!



**HOLES – HOLES -
HOLES**



The 1890's section of the building is losing mortar from the bricks. As a result, bricks are slipping and falling out and weakening the adjacent bricks as water and ice continue to split the blocks.



Doors to the basement / vault have rusted and can be pulled open – exterior fence has been padlocked to prevent access to this “inner door”





Gap??

Barbed
Wire?