

Incorrect vs Correct way to install Skirting

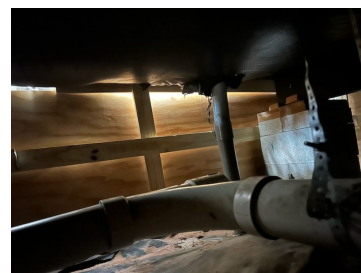
A side-by-side reference for proper skirting installation on a manufactured home.

X INCORRECT — Skirting with No Solid Backing



What's wrong: The skirting is being fastened directly to the home's exposed perimeter frame and individual piers with no continuous solid backing behind it. Without a backing board, the panels have nothing flat and rigid to attach to, leaving them prone to bowing, buckling, and blow-out in high winds, and allowing pests and moisture to get behind the skirting.

✓ CORRECT — Skirting Attached to Solid Backing



What's right: A continuous solid backing (plywood sheathing fastened to framing) is installed around the entire perimeter first. The skirting is then attached to this flat, rigid surface. This creates a clean, even finish, properly secures the panels, resists wind and impact, and seals the crawlspace against pests and weather.

HUD Requirement

If the perimeter enclosure is non-load bearing skirting comprised of lightweight material, the entire surface area of the skirting must be permanently attached to backing made of concrete, masonry, treated wood or a product with similar strength and durability.

Perimeter Enclosure refers to a continuous wall that is adequately secured to the perimeter of the unit and allows for proper ventilation of the crawl space.