

Loss Control Tips For Hotels, Rooming Houses and Lodging Houses

No one wants to experience loss of life, injury and disruption that a fire can cause. Here are some fire prevention methods for property owners and operators of hotels, lodging houses and rooming houses.

Many of the issues that concern owners and operators of these occupancies involve life safety and emergency exits. These include sufficient and marked exits, accessible fire escapes, and installation of sprinkler systems in public highways. Because of the significant potential loss of life, building departments and other government regulators have comprehensive code requirements for hotels, lodging and rooming houses. Code adherence should be considered a way to prevent injury, maintain property, and safeguard jobs.

Please use the checklist to recognize what you need to do to decrease the potential of fire.

- Regularly inspect rooms
- Enforce a policy strictly forbidding cooking in rooms.
- Supervise common cooking areas and maintain them.
- Identify tenants who may store unreasonable amounts of clothing, newspapers or combustible materials. Take action to eliminate the hazard.
- Provide metal ashtrays.
- Regularly check smoke alarms functionality.
- Are all halls maintained free of debris? Provide metal trash containers with lids.
- Are doors self closing to prevent the spread of fire?
- Are stairways kept clean?
- Is the roof accessible by tenants?
- Are shaft ways free of debris accumulation?
- Is the sprinkler system in the building maintained?

