



Environmental Services Lodging Newsletter

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Hot Water Rule and Safety of Hot Water

[MN Rules 4625.1300 Water Supply](#)

What is the requirement?

A safe and adequate supply of water shall be provided by the establishment. The temperature of hot water provided cannot exceed 130°F.

What is the risk if water is too hot?

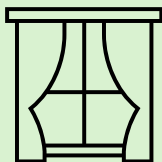
- At 130°F, a 30 second exposure to water can lead to 3rd degree burns
- At 140°F, it takes only 6 seconds for water to cause 3rd degree burns

What should be done to prevent burns?

Check the temperature setting on your water heater and the water temperature at multiple plumbing fixtures throughout the establishment. Hot water temperatures should be measured at different sections of each floor, if multiple floors are present at your establishment.

Window Screen Requirements

[4625.0700 Screening Requirements](#)



All windows that can open to the outside of the establishment and are at risk for entry by flies, mosquitoes, and other insects must be screened. The screens must be an effective barrier to the entry of pests. If screens have holes, tears, are not sized correctly for the windows, or allow the entry of insects for any other reason, they are not an effective barrier and must be replaced.



As temperatures rise each spring, insects are more active. Check your screens each spring to prevent pest entry!

Safe Harbor: Prevention and Response Training for the Minnesota Lodging Industry

Hotels and motels are common places for sex trafficking to happen. By learning the signs of sex trafficking, and how to respond, hotel and motel staff can help prevent sex trafficking and save lives.

Hotels and motels are key players in addressing sex trafficking in all Minnesota communities. Together, we can work to prevent sex trafficking.

The State of Minnesota requires hotels and motels to train their staff about human and sex trafficking, and provides [free training materials here](#) in English, Spanish, Somali, and Hmong.



To comply with the law:

- All owners, managers, and on-site employees must complete the required training. There are few exceptions on who must take the training – [see the statute for exemption details](#).
- New employees must take this training within 90 days of hire.
- All required staff must retake this training every year and training dates must be recorded in a log or personnel file. [Human Trafficking Training Log](#)
- Display the required back of house poster. Place the poster in a location all staff will see it.
- Conduct an ongoing awareness campaign for employees.

This training was developed by the Minnesota Department of Health in partnership with the Minnesota Lodging Association.

Web Resources

Visit [Anoka County Environmental Services](#) for additional information on:

- [Temporary Food Licensing](#)
- [New Construction and/or Remodeling](#)
- [Lodging](#)
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