

INDUSTRY BULLETIN

for Florida's Lodging Industry



SUBJECT: BOILER SAFETY REMINDER

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The Division of Hotels and Restaurants (DHR) urges all public lodging establishment owners/operators to check their water heating equipment for possible violations of boiler safety standards.

Boiler safety is part of DHR's inspection program and the division actively checks to make sure boiler safety standards are being met. However, the primary responsibility for boiler safety rests with the establishment owner. Boiler safety inspection guidelines, certification requirements, and owner/operator responsibilities can be found on the State Fire Marshal's webpage at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/SFM/BFP/BoilerSafety/default.htm>.

Please note it is the establishment owner's responsibility to insure that boiler equipment is kept in good working order, is properly ventilated and has been issued a Certificate of Compliance in accordance with Florida law.

A water heating device is deemed to be a boiler if it exceeds any of the following limits:

1. Maximum heat input of 400,000 BTU per hour; or
2. Water temperature of 210°F; or
3. Water capacity of 120 gallons or more.

Division inspectors are looking for:

1. Verification of current, valid boiler Certificate of Compliance.
2. The physical conditions of the boiler and cleanliness of the boiler room.
3. Type of boiler, gas or electric.
4. Water capacity.
5. Maximum water temperature.
6. Maximum heat input.

All boilers are required to have a current Certificate of Compliance issued by the Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal. All boiler violations cited by DHR inspectors will be reported to the local fire authority and to the Florida State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire Prevention, Boiler Safety Section.

For more information about the State of Florida Boiler Safety Program, please call 850.413.3723, fax 850.922.2553 or send an email to FirePrevention@MyFloridaCFO.com.

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