

Introduction

Travel and tourism are huge industries in Missouri generating over 8 billion dollars of economic activity per year. There are over 1600 lodging establishments in which many tens of thousands of guest nights per year are spent. The goal of the lodging program is to minimize or eliminate risks to establishment's guests.

In Missouri, a **Lodging Establishment** is defined as "any building, group of buildings, structure, facility, place or places of business where five or more guest rooms are provided, which is owned, maintained, or operated by any person and which is kept, used, maintained, advertised or held out to the public for hire which can be construed to be a hotel, motel, motor hotel, apartment hotel, tourist court, resort, cabins, tourist home, bunkhouse, dormitory, or other similar place by whatever name called, and includes all such accommodations operated for hire as lodging establishments for either transient guests, permanent guests, or both transient and permanent guests."

Authority

Program authority is found in 315.005 - 315.065, RSMo and 19 CSR 20-3.050 Sanitation and Safety Standards for Lodging Establishments. Both can be accessed at:

www.dhss.mo.gov/Lodging/lodgingmanual.pdf

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