

Quick Reference Guide

To

Care Facilities

in Minnesota



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2020 Minnesota Building Code &
2020 Minnesota Fire Code

2020 MBC & 2020 MFC Table 1.5

Quick Reference Guide to **Boarding Care & Boarding and Lodging Facilities** in Minnesota

See the Minnesota Building Code and the Minnesota Fire Code for verification of applicable construction requirements

Type of Licensed Facility	MN Rule (MR) or Statute (MS)	Number of Care Recipients	2020 MSBC Occupancy Classification	State Regulatory Agency	When Sprinklers are Required (3)	Fire Alarm & Detection Requirements (8) (as amended)	Accessibility MN Rule 1341		
Boarding Care	Boarding Care Home (4)	MS 144.50 & MR 4655	≤ 5 Residents	R-3 Dwelling Unit (9)	MDH DLI	Required (2) (7)	Smoke Alarms required: IBC & IFC 907.2.10.2 Carbon Monoxide Detection & Alarms required: IBC 915	Not Required	
	Boarding Care Home	MS 144.50 & MR 4655	6-16 Residents All capable of responding to an emergency situation to complete evacuation without assistance	R-4 Condition 1 (9)	MDH DLI	Required (1)	Smoke Alarms required: IBC & IFC 907.2.10.2 Carbon Monoxide Detection & Alarms required: IBC 915	Required: 1 Accessible Unit, remainder Type B Units	
	Boarding Care Home	MS 144.50 & MR 4655	> 16 Residents All capable of responding to an emergency situation to complete evacuation without assistance	I-1 Condition 1 (9)	MDH DLI	Required (1)	Smoke Alarms required: IBC & IFC 907.2.10.2 Carbon Monoxide Detection & Alarms required: IBC 915	(1) Accessible Unit; If > 3 Sleeping Units; Type B units	
Boarding & Lodging	Boarding & Lodging	MS 157 & MR 4625	< 16 Residents in sleeping rooms OR ≤ 2 dwelling units	R-3 (9)	MDH	Required (2)	Smoke Alarms required: IBC & IFC 907.2.10.2 Carbon Monoxide Detection & Alarms required: IBC 915	Require: If > 3 sleeping units: All Type B Units	
	Also may include Rule 36 Intensive Residential Treatment Services	MR 9520.0500 to MR 9520.0670			DHS MDH				
	Boarding & Lodging	MS 157 & MR 4625	> 16 Residents in sleeping rooms OR ≥ 2 Dwelling Units	R-2 (9)	MDH	Required (1)	Smoke Alarms required: IBC & IFC 907.2.10.2 Carbon Monoxide Detection & Alarms required: IBC 915	Required: Accessible Units and Type B Units per MR 1341	
	< 30 Days	Boarding & Lodging	MS 157 & MR 4625	Bed & Breakfast with ≥ 6 guest rooms Boarding Houses with > 10 occupants	R-1	MDH	Required (1), (6), (7)	Smoke Alarms required: IBC & IFC 907.2.10.1 Carbon Monoxide Detection & Alarms required: IBC 915	Required: Accessible Units and Type B Units per MR 1341
		Boarding & Lodging	MS 157 & MR 4625	Bed & Breakfast with ≤ 5 guest rooms Boarding Houses with ≤ 10 occupants	R-3 Dwelling Unit	MDH	≥ 4,500 sq. ft. (2) (5) (6)	Smoke Alarms required: IBC & IFC 907.2.10.2 Carbon Monoxide Detection & Alarms required: IBC 915	Not Required
			R-3	Required (2)	Require: If > 3 sleeping units: All Type B Units				

Footnotes:

- (1) An NFPA 13 or 13-R fire sprinkler system is required per code.
- (2) An NFPA 13, 13-R, or 13-D fire sprinkler system is required per code.
- (3) Refer to license for special sprinkler installation requirements
- (4) Usually within the caregivers residence.
- (5) Combined area on all floors, excluding garages.
- (6) For the purposes of these provisions, fire walls, party walls, or attached multiple fire resistant exterior walls shall only create separate buildings where providing separation from occupancies other than Group R.
- (7) Multi-units resort buildings, as defined in MS 157.15 and licensed by MDH, with less than 9250 sq. ft. of building area.
- (8) See MR 1305.0907, MR 7511.0907 and the specific IBC/IFC Section for exceptions.
- (9) All residents in Group I & R occupancies must be capable of self preservation without assistance.

Key:
 DHS= Department of Human Services- www.dhs.state.mn.us
 MDH= Department of Health- www.health.state.mn.us
 DLI= Department of Labor and Industry- www.dli.mn.gov
 SFM= State Fire Marshal- www.dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm

Additional Resources

For MN Statutes or MN Rule see: www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/pubs/
 For information on licensing see: www.state.mn.us/license/content.do?mode=search
 For a listing of licensed health care facilities see: www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/directory/providerselect.cfm & [HTTP://licensinglookup.dhs.state.mn.us/](http://licensinglookup.dhs.state.mn.us/)
 For requirements for plans and specifications prepared by a MN licensed architect or engineer see: <http://mn.gov/aelslagid/index.html>