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## **Tourist Rooming House (TRH) Inspection Checklist**

The following are some of the more common requirements of a licensed, inspected TRH\*

### **Fire/Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detection**

- One smoke detector in each bedroom
- One carbon monoxide (CO) detector within 75 feet of each fuel burning appliances
- Recommend one Type ABC fire extinguisher per cottage
- Recommend list of emergency contacts fire/police in guest rules

### **Water and Wastewater**

- Private well drinking water must be tested annually for bacteria
- Septic tank lids secured/locked at all times

### **Stairways and Railings**

- All cabin or home construction (including those built before June 1 1980) shall comply with the Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC)
- Stairways with more than three risers shall have hand railings on at least one side that meet UDC
- Guard rails on elevated surfaces (decks, porches and patios greater than 24 inches from ground surface) required at least 36 inches in height and gaps that do not allow passage of a 4 3/8" sphere
- Note: The OCHD does not enforce directly, refer to DSPS if the owner is not willing to address these issues-Dan Shanahan-Commercial Building Inspector 1.715.661.4049

### **General Safety Aspects**

- Bathtub or shower-slip resistant base/tub mat
- All windows that can be opened shall be screened, with no holes or gaps
- Outdoor garbage/recyclables kept in leak-proof containers with tight fitting covers
- Exterior doors shall lock from the outside and non-key locking from the inside
- Stairways to lake should be in good condition-not under UDC requirements
- Should post "NO DIVING" signs at lakefront, in at least 4" tall letters
- Any other not listed health and safety issues can be addressed under section ATCP 72.06(2)

\*Review the Wisconsin Lodging Code for a complete list of required items

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