

Bunk Houses and Camper Cabins

MEETING CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS STANDARDS

Lodging code

Bunk houses and camper cabins are exempt from floor space, air space and bed spacing requirements in the [Minnesota lodging code](#).

Bunk houses

Bunk houses may be located anywhere in Minnesota. Bunk houses must be licensed. A bunk house:

- Is a building, structure or enclosure that sleeps more than one person for up to three nights
- Does not have a kitchen
- Does not have a bathroom

Camper cabins

Camper cabins are located at a recreational camping area, resort or state park. Camper cabins, except for those located in a state park, must be licensed. A camper cabin:

- Is a permanent rustic enclosure with walls and a floor, that furnishes sleeping accommodations to the public
- Does not have a kitchen
- Does not have a bathroom

Lodging licensing

Bunk houses and camper cabins are lodging facilities, and most require a license. Camper cabins located at state parks are exempt from licensure.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and local public health agencies license and inspect lodging facilities in Minnesota. The location and type of operation determines which agency will issue the license.

To determine whether your license will be issued by MDH or another agency see the Food, Pools, and Lodging Services [Licensing](#) website.

Resources

[Minnesota Rules, chapter 4625 Lodging code](#)
(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4625/>)

[Minnesota Statutes, section 144.12](#)
(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144.12>)

[Licensing](#)
(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/food/license/index.html>)