

Temporary Residences: Last Inspection

OVERVIEW

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General Description:

An overarching goal of the New York State Department of Health (DOH) is to protect public health. Assuring that temporary residences are operated in a manner that eliminates hazards through design and management results in a decreased incidence of illness, injury, and death in these facilities and helps achieve this goal. Subpart 7-1 of the New York State Code of Rules and Regulations advances this goal by implementing design and operation standards for temporary residences. County health departments permit temporary residences operating in New York State (NYS) and perform periodic inspections to ensure that compliance with Subpart 7-1 is maintained. DOH District Offices permit and inspect temporary residences located in twenty-one counties that lack a full-service county health department.

The data in Health Data NY includes active temporary residences as defined by Subpart 7-1 (i.e., occupied by or maintained for the occupancy by 11 people or more) in operation on the date the data was downloaded from a DOH database. The data set displays each temporary residence's facility name and location. The facility location includes the street address, city, state, zip code, municipality, and county. The dataset includes each facility's owner-operator, building type, number of sleeping rooms within the facility, and whether a pool, beach, or food service establishment is operated as part of the temporary residence facility. Additionally, the data includes the date of the last inspection and violations of Subpart 7-1 that were identified at the time of that inspection.

Researchers agree to use the data for statistical reporting and analysis only. The author must include a disclaimer stating that any analyses, interpretations, or conclusions were reached by the researcher and not the New York State Department of Health.

Data Methodology:

Each temporary residence is entered into a DOH electronic database by the permitting county health department or DOH District Office. Temporary residences are inspected at least once per permit cycle. Many Local Health Departments issue a 1 year permit for temporary residences. Others issue permits ranging from 1 to 3 years based on the individual operations and assignment of risk. There are also permits issued for less than one year for seasonal locations. Additional inspections may be performed based on complaints, incidents, as well as an operator's history of compliance. Data is collected by trained inspection staff. Violations of Subpart 7-1 identified during inspections are documented using standardized forms. Critical violations relate to conditions that could directly result in illness, injury, or death. Non-critical violations relate to unsafe or unsanitary facility maintenance conditions. Inspection data and any changes in operation are entered into the electronic database in a consistent and ongoing

basis to maintain accuracy and completeness. The dataset on Health Data NY is updated annually.

Limitations of Use:

All active, documented temporary residences are included in the associated data tables and lists. Individual local departments of health may provide this information on their own websites, which may be updated more frequently. More detailed information may be obtained directly from county health departments or DOH through the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) process.

As previously stated, the data included in Health Data NY is updated annually. Requests for more current or more detailed information should be directed to the county health department or DOH District Office which directly regulate the facilities in question.

