



Department of Commerce

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Operation Safe Stay Disqualification and Revocation of Safe Stay Designation



No hotel may misrepresent itself as a **Safe Stay Hotel** if, in fact, it does not hold the designation and/or the designation has been revoked or not renewed by the State Fire Marshal. The designation may be revoked by the State Fire Marshal for any of the following reasons, as set forth in Ohio Fire Code (OFC) section 118.8.8:

OFC 118.8.8 Revocation or non-renewal of designation. The state fire marshal may revoke or deny renewal of the designation of a hotel as an "Ohio Safe Stay Hotel" in the event of any of the following:

- (i) Upon a determination by the state fire marshal that the hotel is not in compliance with any of the provisions of paragraph (R)(8)(c)(118.8.3) or (R)(8)(d)(118.8 4) of this rule; or
- (ii) An alteration or modification of the hotel that is not approved and/or permitted in conformance with the provisions of this rule and/or the building code as listed in rule [1301:7-7-47](#) of the Administrative Code; or
- (iii) Misuse of the "Ohio Safe Stay Hotel" logo, decal, or designation or misrepresentation of a hotel as a designated "Ohio Safe Stay Hotel" at any time within sixty consecutive months immediately preceding the licensure period during which the state fire marshal becomes aware of the misuse or misrepresentation.

If a hotel's designation is revoked or not renewed by the state fire marshal, the logo, decal, or designation shall be immediately removed from the hotel facility and from all of its literature and marketing and advertising campaigns in any format or medium, the hotel's designation as an "Ohio Safe Stay Hotel" in the registry of hotels shall be removed, and the hotel shall immediately cease all use and/or reproduction of the logo, decal, or designation in any manner.

If a hotel's designation as a **Safe Stay Hotel** is denied or not-renewed upon submission of a renewal application for a license to operate a hotel, the State Fire Marshal shall notify the hotel owner, operator and/or responsible person via the issuance of a letter to the owner, operator, and/or responsible person informing them that the hotel's designation has been revoked or not-renewed. The letter shall set forth the reasons the hotel's designation has been revoked or not-renewed. Upon receipt of the letter, the facility shall immediately cease the use of the **Safe Stay Hotel** logo, decal and designation in any and all manners in which the facility has used the logo, decal or designation.

If a hotel's designation as a **Safe Stay Hotel** is revoked pursuant to an inspection that results in the issuance of a citation for violations of or non-compliance with applicable OFC and R.C. provisions, the issuance of the citation shall constitute notice to the facility that its

qualification for participation in the **Operation Safe Stay** program has been revoked. At that time, the facility shall immediately cease the use of the **Safe Stay Hotel** logo, decal and designation in any and all manners in which the facility has used the logo, decal or designation.