



Department of Commerce

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Operation Safe Stay Notification to Industry and Public Regarding Time Extensions



One of the requirements for participation in the Operation Safe Stay program is that the facility must submit its hotel license renewal application to the State Fire Marshal (SFM) on or before October 1 of each calendar year. Ohio Fire Code section 118.8.3 (ii)(a) allows the SFM to change or extend this deadline.

The SFM will generally NOT extend this deadline. The SFM will NOT extend this deadline on an individual or case by case basis. However, the SFM may extend the October 1, deadline in the event of circumstances that affect all or most of those in the hotel industry and that prohibit or substantially impede hotel owners and operators from timely filing applications. This may include things like unavailability of the SFM's on-line hotel licensure renewal application, an unforeseen disaster that impedes business statewide, or other natural disaster that affects state business or causes a shut-down of state business.

In the event that the SFM does change or extend the Operation Safe Stay deadline for renewal applications to a date other than October 1, the SFM will publish the new date on its [website](#). The SFM will also attempt to notify all Operation Safe Stay hotels that are participating in the program at the time of the date change or extension via e-mail, using the last e-mail address provided to the SFM, if any.