

State of Wisconsin

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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Tourist Rooming Houses

A tourist rooming house is defined as all lodging places and tourist cabins and cottages, other than hotels and motels, in which sleeping accommodations are offered for pay to tourists or transients. It does not include private boarding or rooming houses not accommodating tourists or transients, or bed and breakfast establishments.

In general, tourist rooming house establishments are vacation homes, cabins, and cottages that are rented out to tourists and transients for a short period of time.

Under a tourist rooming house license, an operator may rent as many as four units (e.g., rooms, cottages, cabins). You will need a hotel license if you rent five or more units.

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