



San Francisco Department of Public Health Green Programs

Hotels Compliance Applicability Guide

Hotels are regulated by several agencies. Many hotels in San Francisco are considered Highrisers (buildings having floors used for human occupancy located more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the lowest level of Fire Department vehicle access) and are inspected annually by the SF Fire Department (SFFD). The SFFD also requires permits for the storage of specified amounts of flammable liquids and compressed gases (amounts specified below).

Because hotels may store hazardous materials (e.g. paints, cleansers) and may generate hazardous waste, they are likely to be regulated by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) Hazardous Materials Unified Program Agency (HMUPA). Permits are also required by SFDPH for restaurants, pools and spas, laundry operations and underground storage tanks. Buildings with back-up generators, boiler/water treatment, paint spray booths, or that apply over 30 gallons per year of materials containing Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) need permits from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) regulates restaurants to implement fats, oils and grease (FOG) reduction best management practices (BMPs) and other wastewater discharges. Air compressors require a CalOSHA permit.

See detail below for common activities and storage situations that require compliance by your San Francisco facility and where to get compliance help or obtain required permits/registrations. (Not a complete list of regulatory requirements.)

BAAQMD, Engineering Division, 939 Ellis St., SF, CA 94109 415-771-6000 www.baaqmd.gov

- Back-up generator: fixed over 50Hp or 37Kw
- Boiler/water treatment
- Dry cleaning operations: see Garment Cleaners Compliance Applicability Guide
- On-site maintenance, chemical storage areas with Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
- Paint spray booth
- Underground Storage Tanks/Aboveground Storage Tanks (UST/AST) containing gasoline or other VOCs

SFPUC Wastewater Enterprise, Pretreatment Source Control Program, 3801 3rd St., Ste 600, SF CA 94124 415-695-7310 www.sfwater.org

- Comply with wastewater discharge limits and prohibitions set forth in SF Municipal Code Section 123 of Article 4.1, Chapter X, Part II as well as DPW Order #158170
- No specific permits are issued, but facilities may be inspected if violations are suspected or reported
- If restaurant on site, refer to Restaurant Compliance Applicability Guide for FOG management

SFDPH- HMUPA, 1390 Market St., Ste. 210, SF, CA 94102 415-252-3907/415-252-3922 www.sfdph.org/dph/eh/

SF Health & Safety Code, Articles 21, 21A, 22, 24 and 25; CA H&SC and CCR

- Over HMUPA thresholds of hazardous materials (55 gal liquid, 500 lbs solid, 200 cu ft gas) : compliance certificate required
- Generate any amount of hazardous waste: compliance certificate required
- Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) : permits required
- Aboveground Storage of Petroleum products, 1320+ gal: Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans required
- Universal Waste generation or collection: must be handled in accordance with current state and/or federal laws



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SFDPH- Consumer Protection and Food Safety Program, 1390 Market St., Ste. 210, SF, CA 94102 415-252-3800

- Pool/spa- operating permits required
- Restaurant- operating permit required
- See Restaurant Compliance Applicability Guide for more information
- Commercial laundries and coin-ops
- Compliance with the Healthy Housing Program <http://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/housing/healthy.asp>

SFFD, Bureau of Fire Prevention, 698 2nd St., SF, CA 94107 415- 558-3303 www.sf-fire.org

- High-rise buildings: annual safety inspections conducted
- Permits required for:
 - Storage/use of over 5 gallons of flammable liquids inside building, over 10 gals outside building
 - Storage/use of over 25 gallons combustible liquids inside building, over 60 gallons outside building
 - Underground Storage or Aboveground Storage Tanks (UST/AST) containing flam. or comb. liquids
 - Any amounts of Liquefied Petroleum gases (propane forklifts, catering propane and butane)
 - Welding operations (flammable gases over 200cf, oxidizing gases over 504cf, inert gases over 6000cf)
 - Paint Spray booths
 - Dry Cleaning facilities (wet cleaning exempt)
 - Storage, use, dispensing, transporting or handling of other hazmats (amts vary per type)

Other

- Air compressor- CA Dept of Industrial Relations (CalOSHA) permit <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/>
- Workers' Compensation Insurance required for all businesses with employees- CA Dept of Industrial Relations Worker's Comp. Division: http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/dwc_home_page.htm