



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5122-31-09 Inspections.

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(A) A recovery housing residence may need certain inspections falling into two categories: inspections within twelve months of the date of a previous inspection and "other inspections."

(1) Inspections within twelve months of the date of the previous inspection

If mandated by applicable law (including the Ohio building code (OBC)) for the type of building or structure the recovery housing residence occupies, both of the following within twelve months of the date of a previous inspection:

- (a) A fire inspection by a certified fire authority, the state fire marshal, or a township, municipal, or other legally constituted fire department approved by the chief of the division of state fire marshal of the department of commerce; and
- (b) A water supply and sewage disposal system inspection by the local health department.

(2) Other needed inspections

If mandated by applicable law for the type of building or structure the recovery housing residence occupies (including the OBC) and, depending on whether the residence supplies food and the food-related activities that occur at the residence, all of the following inspections:

- (a) A current food service license.
- (b) An inspection of electrical wiring by a licensed electrical inspector certified pursuant to Chapter 3783. of the Revised Code. In addition, another such inspection is to be obtained any time alterations or additions to the electrical wiring are made.
- (c) An inspection of the residence's heating/cooling system by a licensed heating contractor. In addition, another such an inspection is to be obtained any time alterations or additions to the heating/cooling system are made.
- (d) For initial inspection of a recovery housing residence for ten or more household members, a building inspection by a certified building inspector or a copy of a certificate of occupancy for the appropriate group designation issued by the local certified building department with jurisdiction over the area in which the residence is located or by the department of commerce if there is no local certified building department.



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The certificate is to certify compliance with the OBC and Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code.

Following alterations to or modification of a residence, the residence is to comply with applicable law, including the OBC, and submit plans to the local building authority. Thereafter, the residence is to submit either a new certificate of occupancy or a certificate of completion to the department.

(e) An elevator inspection.

(f) A boiler inspection.

(g) Any other inspection that is mandated by a local authority or that the department determines necessary when the department has a reasonable concern about the condition of the residence.

(B) If a recovery housing residence occupies only a portion of a building or structure, the entire building or structure is to be inspected except where there is a fire wall or other fire-resistant separation between the part of the building or structure to be certified and the rest of the building or structure. In this event, the existence of the fire wall or other fire resistant separation is to be verified in writing by the building inspector or fire inspector.