



DIVISION OF INDUSTRY SERVICES QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | SPRING 2023

Welcome to the First DIS Quarterly Newsletter

DSPS's Division of Industry Services (DIS) is launching new outreach tools to provide more timely updates to our customers and community. This newsletter will provide notices for upcoming trainings, changes to DIS, and updates within the industry. In addition to the newsletter, DIS will hold quarterly webinars to provide additional guidance on the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

A Message from the Spring 2023 Webinar

Thank you to those that attended our first quarterly call on March 29. We had far more interest than we anticipated, and I apologize to those who were not able to attend because of the 300-person attendance cap. We want to accommodate all who wish to attend, so we will increase capacity for our next call. Also, we recorded the call, but because of technical problems with Zoom we were unable to retrieve the recording. We will take additional steps to ensure that future calls are successfully recorded. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to your participation at future events.

-Branden Piper, Division Administrator

2023 Winter Code Updates

There are two classes remaining at Homewood Suites Oak Creek Convention Center, 1900 Creekside Crossing Circle

Register online at:

eventsquid.com/event/18752

EIASEW – Oak Creek

- April 4, 2023 - Commercial Electrical Code
- April 5, 2023 - 1 & 2 Family Electrical Code

Open Positions

DIS is looking for a [Commercial Building Inspector](#) to provide inspection and consultation of public buildings. Certification as a Commercial Building Inspector is required. Job ID 9571

We are also hiring for a plumbing expert ([Plumbing Plan Reviewer](#) in the South Central Region) to provide plumbing plan reviews, consultation, and inspection. Job ID 9852

Visit wisc.jobs to apply today!

Recent Enforcement Actions

- An Elkhorn HVAC Contractor had their HVAC registration revoked after a Department investigation found that permits were not obtained for a project and that the contractor received payment for a job but failed to adequately perform work and a civil judgment was entered against them. The Department's investigation found numerous civil and criminal charges against the contractor that related to their work as an HVAC contractor.
- A Middleton Dwelling Contractor had their dwelling contractor and dwelling contractor qualifier certifications revoked after a Department investigation found that the contractor committed a crime substantially related to their credential and engaged in misconduct. The contractor engaged in a ponzi-like scheme that involved the contractor obtaining money from individuals claiming they could invest in a home purchase, remodel, and small business. The investigation found that the contractor received payment, performed no work, and failed to return funds to individuals.
- A Stoddard Master Plumber had a forfeiture of \$1,500 entered against them for allowing an individual who does not hold the appropriate plumbing license to install plumbing when they were in charge of the plumbing installation. The Department also restricted the plumber's ability to renew their credential or obtain a credential until the payment was made.
- A Soldier's Grove Pipe Layer had a forfeiture of \$100 entered against them for engaging in plumbing without possessing a proper plumbing at a job where a master plumber was overseeing the work. The Department also restricted the pipe layer's ability to renew their credential or obtain a credential until the payment was made.
- A Florence Master Electrician and Electrical Contractor had their licenses suspended for ten days due to their failure to pull a permit for work in violation of local ordinances and for engaging in misconduct by failing to complete a project they had been hired for. The investigation found that the homeowner had to hire a new contractor to complete the project.
- A Sun Prairie unlicensed individual had a \$400 forfeiture entered against them for engaging in electrical work without a proper license. The Department also restricted the individual's ability to obtain a credential with the Department until the payment had been made.
- A Minocqua Master Plumber had a \$400 forfeiture entered against them for failing to install plumbing in accordance with the plumbing code rules. The Department's investigation found that the plumber did not follow the plumbing plans and swapped two lines that ended up causing the water/refuse to go to the wrongly assigned tanks. The investigation found that the plumber failed to submit to the Department an updated as-built plan. The Department also restricted the plumber's ability to renew their credential with the Department until the payment had been made.

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DIS TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

Each program maintains separate
communication inboxes. See the list of
program and general email addresses at
the link below.

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SPRING WEBINAR

[View the Spring Webinar presentation
slides here.](#)

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esla.wi.gov

Trades Credentialing Exam Information

Visit the website for more information on trades exams:

dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/TradesExaminationInformation

Appleton Doubletree by Hilton Appleton 150 S Nicolet Road Appleton, WI 54914	Weston- Fairfield by Marriott 7100 Stone Ridge Drive Weston, WI 54476	Deforest Comfort Suites/ North Star Conference Center 5025 County Road V Deforest, WI 53532	Eau Claire Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center 5872 33rd Avenue Eau Claire, WI 54703
9-May-23 FULL	22-Aug-23	11-Apr-23 FULL	25-Apr-23 FULL
10-May-23 FULL	23-Aug-23	12-Apr-23 FULL	26-Apr-23 FULL
11-Jul-23	24-Oct-23	13-Jun-23	27-Jun-23
12-Jul-23	25-Oct-23	14-Jun-23	28-Jun-23
19-Sep-23		8-Aug-23	
20-Sep-23		9-Aug-23	
7-Nov-23		10-Oct-23	
8-Nov-23		11-Oct-23	
		12-Dec-23	
		13-Dec-23	

Plumbing Inspection of Health Care and Related Facilities

The Department is reminding municipal commercial plumbing inspectors that they are responsible for conducting plumbing inspections on all health care and related facilities if the municipality has an ordinance under Wis. Stat. [§ 145.04\(1\)](#).

Wis. Admin. Code [§ SPS 381.01\(116\)](#) defines “health care and related facility” to mean a hospital, nursing home, community-based residential facility, county home, infirmary, inpatient mental health center, inpatient hospice, ambulatory surgery center, adult daycare center, end stage renal facility, facility for the developmentally disabled, institute for mental disease, urgent care center, clinic or medical office, residential care center for children and youth, or school of medicine, surgery, or dentistry.

The Department has implemented a [DPS Plumbing Plan Review Recap/Inspection – Health Care](#) inspection checklist to aid municipal inspectors with inspecting health care and related facilities. To provide further aid, there are additional guidance documents associated with health care and related facilities on the Department’s [Plumbing Website](#) including, but not limited to, 0.5 chlorine, chlorine dioxide, copper-silver ion, ultraviolet, and chloramine disinfection guidance documents. The Department conducts plan reviews of health care and related facilities under Wis. Admin. Code [§ SPS 382.20\(1\)\(a\)](#). The Department will outline all key items as part of the conditional approval which needs to be verified at the time of inspection.

Third Party Inspection Agencies

Commercial Electrical

Beginning March 1, 2023, the Department contracted with third-party inspection agencies to approve commercial electrical permits and provide inspection services for the non-delegated municipalities throughout the state.

Please visit the Department website for the updated [Electrical Permitting and Inspection Map](#) for third-party inspection agency contact information.

Customers are required to complete the commercial electrical permit application through eSLA, by selecting “Permit Only” or “Permit and Plan Review Only.” The third-party agencies will review and approve or deny all permits within their designated inspection area. Permits must meet the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code [§ SPS 316.012\(1\)\(a\)](#), Wis. Admin. Code [§ SPS 316.012\(2\)](#), and Wis. Admin. Code [§ SPS 316.012\(3\)\(b\)](#).

Municipalities requiring contractual inspection services may change as they, or their county, elect to provide, or not to provide, municipal or county inspection services per Wis. Admin. Code [§ SPS 316](#).

One- and Two-Family Dwelling Units

Beginning January 1, 2023, the Department contracted with third-party inspection agencies to approve one- and two-family dwelling permits and to provide inspection services for non-delegated municipalities throughout the state.

Please visit the Department website for the updated [UDC Permitting and Inspection Map](#) for third-party inspection agency contact information.

Municipalities requiring contractual inspection services may change as they, or their county, elect to provide, or not to provide, municipal or county inspection services per Wis. Admin. Code [§ SPS 320.06](#). Department Uniform Dwelling Consultants have not changed and you can find their assigned areas on our website at dsps.wi.gov/Documents/Programs/Maps/UDC.pdf