**226 – Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction**

<https://dhbc.ky.gov/>

**The Department of Housing Building and Construction** enforces statewide standards for building construction. The agency ensures fire and life safety in existing buildings; licenses/certifies plumbers, electricians, boiler contractors, sprinkler and/or fire alarm contractors and building inspectors.  The department is comprised of the following divisions:

[**Division of Building Codes Enforcement**](http://dhbc.ky.gov/bce/Pages/default.aspx) **is** responsible for plan review and inspection for buildings, including electrical for state-owned buildings, elevator equipment, manufactured housing, Kentucky Industrialized Buildings and all associated licenses, continuing education and contractor requirements for elevator contractors, electrical contractors, building officials, Kentucky Industrialized Building System manufacturers and manufactured home installers.

**The Division of Building Codes Enforcement is divided into the following Sections:**

**Building Codes**: Plan submittal, plan approvals and continuing education, Kentucky Certified Inspector's Program, formal interpretations, online plan search, adopted codes and inspection programs.

**Electrical Inspection**: State-owned or state-leased electrical inspections.

**Elevator Inspection**: Plan review, permits and licensing, continuing education.

 **Modular and Manufactured Housing**: Residential housing, modular KIBS units, authorized KIBS Manufacturer Program and continuing education.

**Electrical Licensing**:Licensing, renewals and continuing education.

**All Construction projects administered by DFMS shall be submitted and approved by the Department of Housing Buildings and Construction.**

[**Division of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning**](http://dhbc.ky.gov/hvac/Pages/default.aspx)**:**responsible for HVAC on line permitting, HVAC field inspections, complaints on  regarding HVAC installation and unlicensed contractors, verification of HVAC licensure, continuing education for HVAC contractors and license renewals.

[**Division of Plumbing**](http://dhbc.ky.gov/Plb/Pages/default.aspx)**:** responsible for the review and inspection of plumbing for residential and commercial buildings, boiler inspection and all licensing, testing and continuing education for plumbers and boiler installers.

[**Division of Fire Prevention (Office of the State Fire Marshal)**](http://dhbc.ky.gov/sfm/Pages/default.aspx)**:** responsible for inspections on existing buildings, hazardous materials review and approval including certification of underground tank installers, registration to sell fireworks and the safe cigarette program.

**Forms can be accessed at** [**https://dhbc.ky.gov/new\_docs.aspx?cat=154**](https://dhbc.ky.gov/new_docs.aspx?cat=154)

**Boiler Inspection Forms**

The following forms can be accesses at the following site:

<https://dhbc.ky.gov/new_docs.aspx?cat=154>

* Boiler Repair Permit Form
* Boiler Installation Permit Application Form
* Boiler Inspector Area Map
* Boiler Plan Review Application
* Letter Used Vessel Notification
* Cover Sheet Boiler Exam
* Application for Contractor Test
* Renewal Application for Contractor License

**Special Note:** Underground Steam and High Pressure Hot Water piping are considered a part of the boiler system. **DO NOT** assume that factory inspections meet the Kentucky Building Code. The Boiler Inspector requires that all piping and welds be inspected prior to being covered with insulation and casing or being buried in the trench. These inspections are critical to be coordinated with the Boiler Inspector, the manufacturer of the piping and the installation contractor.

**Boiler Inspection**

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