BestPRACTICES Global Real Estate Unit LOSS CONTROL

HOSPITALITY CHECKLIST

General Liability	Yes	No	Action Needed
Slips/Trips/Falls			
Spill response housekeeping program in place			
Balcony railing systems inspected for corrosion or other deterioration; maximum opening not to exceed four inches			
Security			
Locked door policy after designated time; entrance only via room key on side doors			
Panic alarm at front desk; employee training regarding front desk security scenarios			
Hotels with 350 rooms or more have full-time security personnel			
Room key/magnetic card controls in place, including Housekeeping and Maintenance staff. Photo ID required to obtain replacement room key/mag-card. Room mag-card re-coded when reported missing.			
Monthly inventory record of "master" keys signed by the highest ranking manager. Master keys kept to the absolute minimum number of individuals.			
Electronic key restriction that provides housekeepers with access only to their assigned rooms			
Bed Bugs			
Mattress inspection program and replacement program in place			
Use mattress covers to reduce spread			
Swimming Pools/Spas/Fitness Centers			
No diving boards			
Slides designed and installed to reduce the risk of injury			
Lifeguards on duty for larger pools and lakes			
Glass not permitted under any circumstances, including private parties			
Spas and exercise facilities operated by third parties, with indemnification and hold harmless in favor of hotel			
Intake covers for water recirculation systems meet the requirements of the CPSC-D Virginia Graeme Baker Act			

During check-in, guests sign acknowledgement form agreeing to comply with pool/spa, etc. safety rules (listed on form and posted on sign)		
Liquor Liability	-	
100% of servers are TIPS, RAMP, etc. certified, regardless if state or local regulations permit fewer to be certified		
Call-A-Cab program in place. Hotel policy is to cover lost tip if patrons refuse to tip after being cut-off by wait staff/bartender.		
Child Cribs for Guests		
Consumer Product Safety Commission recall notices periodically checked to determine which cribs are under a mandated or voluntary recall		
Recalled cribs are removed from service and destroyed, not placed in a dumpster or taken by employees		
Written sanitation procedures in place		
Sheet, blanket and mattress selection based on limiting risk of injury		
Inspected by trained hotel personnel prior to every loaning; written documentation filed with room reservation record		
Resort Activities		
Recreational activities such as golf courses, marinas, boat rental, water skiing, trap and skeet shooting, horseback riding, hiking, rock climbing, etc. all require very specialized safety/risk management programs that must be custom tailored to the specific events/ activities		
If present, a specific safety plan has been developed and implemented to address potential liability risks to the public		
Waivers signed by participants for resort activities		
Day Care Services		
Criminal and sex offender background checks for all employees involved with providing child care services		
Standard operating procedures for injury, food allergy, medication, illness, sanitations, supervision, etc.		
Child areas inspected thoroughly for potential hazards at least monthly with written documentation		
Daily visual inspections conducted prior to child arrival		
Workers Compensation		
Lifting		
Use of well maintained rolling carts with larger wheels for housekeeping and bell operations		
Use spring-loaded laundry carts to minimize bending		

"Bed Made EZ" or other similar devices used to minimize musculoskeletal stressors during bed-making tasks		
Cuts and Lacerations		
Use of Kevlar "cut" gloves during food prep		
Sharp knives are safer; in kitchen have knife sharpening procedure in place		
Safety/Security		
If an employee must enter a guest room alone, plan for security to be in the area, for both employee and guest safety		
Bar Operations		
Provide serving training or Training for Intervention ProcedureS (TIPS) for employees		
Train servers to know the signs of an intoxicated guest and empower them to take appropriate action		

For more Loss Control best practices, see our General Liability, Workers Compensation, Automobile Liability and Property and Quick Reference Guides.



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