

CCLD REVIEW

Construction Codes and Licensing Division • Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry • Fall 2026

2026 FALL SEMINAR

Proposed provisions of the State Building Code based on the national documents

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), Construction Codes and Licensing Division's (CCLD) 2026 [Fall Seminar will focus on changes to the Minnesota State Building Code](#). Topics will include new provisions and Minnesota-specific amendments to the 2024 International Building Code (2024 IBC), including Chapter 7 about fire and smoke protection and Chapter 10 about means of egress, along with their proposed Minnesota amendments.

The program will begin with "Commercial Plumbing Do's and Don'ts," presented by the CCLD Plumbing unit, highlighting key issues for building officials to identify during inspections of commercial buildings. The seminar will conclude with a discussion about radon code provisions for commercial buildings and R occupancies.

Attendees will receive seven continuing education credits toward licensing requirements for building officials, plumbing licenses. Full-day attendance is required to receive credit.

Additional seating has been added for each seminar to accommodate those seeking continuing education credits and valuable updates about code changes and requirements.



When and where

- Sept. 23, 2026: Holiday Inn – Detroit Lakes, 1155 Highway 10 E., Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
- Sept. 24, 2026: The Lodge at Brainerd Lakes, 6967 Lake Forest Road, Brainerd, MN 56425
- Sept. 30, 2026: Willow Creek Golf Course, 1700 48th St. SW, Rochester, MN 55902
- Oct. 6, 2026: MnDOT Training and Conference Center, 1900 W. County Road I, Shoreview, MN 55126
- Oct. 8, 2026: Black Bear Casino, 1785 Highway 210, Carlton, MN 55718
- Oct. 14, 2026: Canterbury Park, 1100 Canterbury Road, Shakopee, MN 55379
- Oct. 15, 2026: Jackpot Junction, 39375 County Highway 24, Morton, MN 56270



Continuing education

Each session includes seven hours of continuing education credit for building officials.



Cost

Each session is \$125 (refreshments and lunch included).



Registration

[Register to attend the seminar here.](#)

Questions?

Contact Don Sivigny at don.sivigny@state.mn.us or 651-284-5874 for more information. Requests for reasonable accommodations can be submitted during registration.

Technical Advisory Groups review model codes, municipal delegation agreement requirements

At a July meeting, the [Construction Codes Advisory Council \(CCAC\)](#) recommended that the department review ASHRAE 90.1-2025 as the new Minnesota Commercial Energy Code rather than adopting the 2022 edition of the standard. The Commercial Energy Code Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will reconvene in fall 2026 to review updates from the 2022 edition to the 2025 edition and code change proposals that have been previously recommended by the TAG.

The [Flood Resistant Design TAG](#) met to review the 2024 edition of ASCE/SEI 24 Flood Resistant Design and Construction (ASCE 24) for its potential adoption, with amendments. This will replace the 1972 edition of Flood Proofing Regulations as promulgated by the Office of the Chief Engineers, U.S. Army, as the standard for flood-resistant construction in Minnesota.

The [Municipal Delegation Agreement TAG](#) continues to meet to review potential changes to municipal delegation agreements. The changes being considered will remove subjectivity from the process of becoming qualified for a delegation agreement and create a portable credential for individuals qualified to administer the State Building Code for state-licensed facilities and public buildings.

Review recommendations

A summary of the TAG members’ reviews will be submitted to the CCAC and stakeholders for review and comment. The CCAC will review the summaries and make recommendations for any potential amendments to Minnesota Rules chapters.

Schedule of board and council meetings

Below is a schedule of meetings for boards and council supported by CCLD. Visit the [boards and council webpage](#) to view meeting minutes, agendas, rulemaking documents and schedules for these meetings and additional boards and councils.

Board of Electricity

- Oct. 13, 2026

Board of High Pressure Piping

- Jan. 14, 2026

Construction Codes Advisory Council

- TBD

Plumbing Board

- Oct. 20, 2026

Interested in serving on a board or council?

Minnesotans are encouraged to apply for positions on state councils, boards, task forces and commissions through the Secretary of State’s Open Commissions and Appointments process.

Visit the [boards and councils webpage](#) for more information about how to become a member of a board or council.

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Eveleth contractor fined \$10,000 for unlicensed work

An Eveleth contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed residential building construction, electrical and plumbing work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$10,000.

A Carmi, Illinois, contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed electrical work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$8,000, of which \$5,500 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

A Menahga contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed residential remodeling work, specifically related to the improvement of residential real estate for purposes of resale or speculation. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and a \$7,500 fine was imposed, of which \$6,500 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

An Owatonna contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed residential building construction, electrical and plumbing work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and a \$7,500 fine was imposed, of which \$6,500 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

A Spring Lake Park contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed electrical and residential building construction work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and a \$7,500 fine was imposed, of which \$5,500 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.



Enforcement actions

More information

[View summaries of enforcement actions.](#)

Contact us at 651-284-5069 or dli.contractor@state.mn.us.

Registered unlicensed workers must report work experience and continuing education during annual renewal

All registered unlicensed electricians, plumbers, elevator constructors and high pressure piping pipefitters must submit their work experience hours for the previous year when they renew their registration each year. Work experience must be reported by completing a work experience form signed by the responsible licensed individual (master) for the worker's employer.

Failure to report work experience at renewal of an unlicensed registration may result in a worker's experience not being counted toward the minimum required to take a journeyworker license exam.

Registered unlicensed electricians, power limited technicians and plumbers must also be sure to complete two hours of **DLI-approved** continuing education before renewing their unlicensed registration. [View a directory of approved courses.](#)

Employers are required to track individual workers' work experience, but it is ultimately the responsibility of the worker to make sure their experience is reported to DLI on the correct form and with the required signature from the employer's responsible licensed individual. Registered unlicensed individuals who have already contacted their current or former employer and are experiencing difficulties with obtaining such verification are encouraged to contact CCLD Enforcement Services at dli.contractor@state.mn.us.

Session Date	Course Name	Location	Discipline	Credits	Approved
04/01/2025	Construction Health and Safety Compliance	Online 24/7	Residential Building Construction, Remodeling, Renovation, Renovation, Renovation	1	✓
04/01/2025	Construction Health and Safety Compliance	Online 24/7	Residential Building Construction, Remodeling, Renovation, Renovation, Renovation	1	✓
04/01/2025	Electrical License Upgrade - A-Circuit Breaker	Online 24/7	Electrical	1	✓
04/01/2025	Electrical License Upgrade - A-Circuit Breaker	Online 24/7	Electrical	1	✓
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The directory of approved continuing education courses, available on the DLI website.



New webpage features mental health resources for the construction trades

Construction remains one of the most demanding professions both physically and mentally. Seasonal layoffs, isolation and cold-weather fatigue add additional challenges for Minnesota workers.

To address these realities, we have added a [new mental health resource page to our website](#) focused on the construction industry. The page outlines common signs of stress, depression and burnout, along with practical coping strategies such as micro breaks, sleep habits and cold weather wellness tips. It also includes crisis and non crisis helplines, information about employee assistance programs and a list of free support groups available statewide.

For employers and industry leaders, the site features guidance for creating supportive workplaces, posting crisis information onsite and booking professional trainings. These resources aim to strengthen safety, morale and community across job sites throughout the state.

 [View the mental health resources webpage.](#)

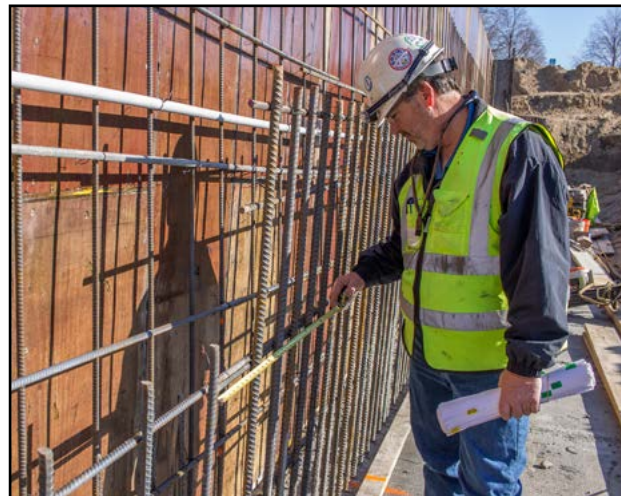
Free safety and health consultations available

DLI offers a free consultation service called MNOSHA Workplace Safety Consultation to help employers find out about potential hazards at their worksites, improve safety management systems and apply for grants to abate safety hazards.

The program targets small, high-hazard businesses. It is separate from the OSHA Compliance inspection activities and no citations are issued as part of a consultation visit.

Learn more and request a consultation

- [On the MNOSHA website.](#)
- Email: osha.consultation@state.mn.us
- Call: 651-284-5060



Paul Heimkes, who passed away Dec. 27, 2019, shown on a jobsite during his time with CCLD.

Submit a nominee for the Paul Heimkes Award for Excellence

To honor the contribution of Paul Heimkes – a former employee with DLI who passed away Dec. 27, 2019 – CCLD created an annual award in his honor. Heimkes was known for his extensive knowledge of the building code, attention to detail, ability to explain complex requirements and a passion for his work to ensure public safety.

Nominees

Nominations for this award are open to anyone who has made notable contributions to public safety through the design, construction or enforcement of the Minnesota State Building Code (excluding CCLD staff). This includes but is not limited to building officials, building inspectors, plan reviewers, architects, engineers and contractors. Nominees will be evaluated on criteria that includes specific attributes exhibited through the career of Paul Heimkes as outlined in the application.

- Applications must be received by Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026.
- Staff from Heimkes' former units of CCLD's Building Plan Review and Regional Services will evaluate applications.
- If a nominee is chosen, it will be presented at the annual building officials' conferences in January 2027.
- [Complete an application for your nominee now.](#)

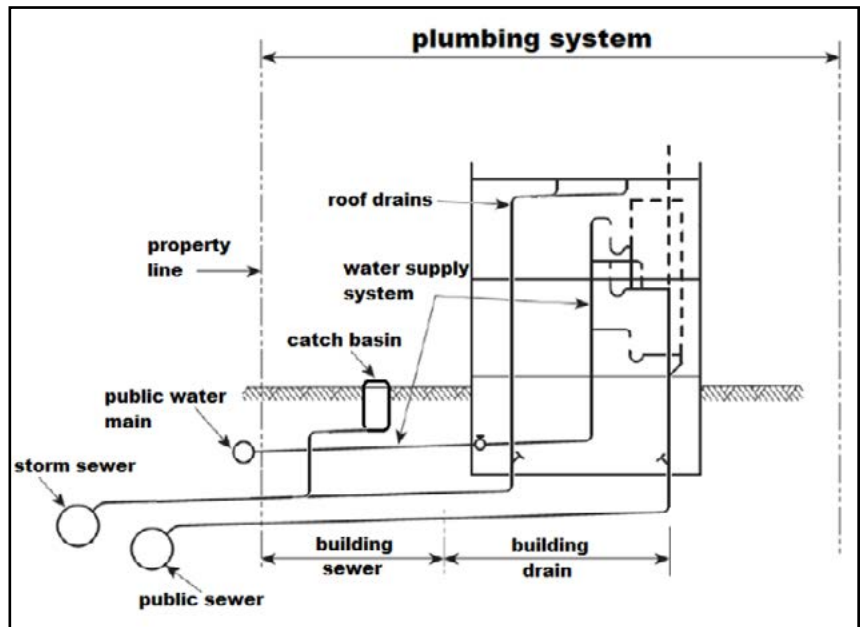
Questions

If you have any questions, email Lyndy Logan at lyndy.logan@state.mn.us.

Clarifying plumbing inspection authority in Minnesota

Questions have recently arisen about jurisdiction over plumbing systems within Minnesota municipalities, particularly concerning where a plumbing system begins and ends, and who has inspection authority. To ensure uniform understanding and compliance, it is important to reaffirm the role of the building official as the authority having jurisdiction for all plumbing work within the property lines of any premises.

Under Minnesota Rules 1300, the code applies to the design, construction, addition, alteration, moving, replacement, demolition, repair, equipment, installation, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, and inspection of any building, structure, or building service equipment in a municipality. This includes all plumbing work, both inside and outside the building, up to the property lines. As a result, the building official must inspect all outside utilities, including water service, building sewer, storm drainage and related plumbing systems within the property lines of the site.



The Minnesota Plumbing Code (Minnesota Rules 4714) provides clear definition of a plumbing system. It includes all potable water supply and distribution piping, all fixtures and traps, all drainage and vent piping, and all building drains and building sewers. It also includes all joints, connections, devices, receptors, and appurtenances within the property lines of the premises. This definition makes clear that the plumbing system encompasses both interior and exterior components, and that authority for its inspection lies with the building official.

City utility departments and city engineers have no authority over plumbing systems within private property lines. If they conduct inspections at the request of the building official, those inspections must be performed solely according to the Minnesota Plumbing Code. The building official may appoint inspectors or technical officers to assist with these duties, but those individuals act only with delegated authority and must report inspection results back to the building official. Ultimately, the building official is responsible for making all required plumbing inspections or for accepting inspection reports from approved personnel.

Minnesota Rules also require that no plumbing or building drainage systems be covered until they have been inspected, tested and approved. If work is covered without approval, it must be uncovered upon direction of the proper administrative authority. The plumbing contractor must notify the proper administrative authority for all plumbing inspections. This notification requirement includes all site utilities, drain, waste and vent systems, storm drainage and water distribution.

[DLI plumbing inspectors](#) are responsible for inspecting all new plumbing installations for public, commercial and industrial buildings located in areas where the building code has not been adopted by local ordinance. In areas where the building code has been adopted, the municipality's proper administrative authority must ensure compliance with all plumbing code requirements.

DLI will inspect the following types of projects statewide unless there is a plumbing plan review agreement between the department and the municipality, and a licensed master plumber performs inspections for the municipality: public, commercial, and industrial facilities in non adopting jurisdictions; hospitals, nursing homes, supervised living facilities, outpatient surgical centers, and similar licensed facilities; public buildings paid for by the state or a state agency; school district and charter school projects; and projects of a special nature such as dialysis facilities or other projects for which a municipal or state plan review is requested.

Minnesota Statutes 326B.43, subd. 2(h), further provides that cities with a delegation agreement may conduct plumbing inspections as long as the individual performing the inspection is a licensed master plumber, a licensed journeyworker plumber or an inspector meeting the competency requirements established under rules adopted pursuant to section 326B.135.