

2022 VIRGINIA OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION

Manufactured Housing Year-in-Review

Manufactured housing is a single-family dwelling that is constructed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) safety standards in a factory on a permanent chassis and transported, in one or more sections, to the home site.

The design, construction, in-plant inspections and certifications of manufactured houses are done under a federal program administered by HUD. DHCD assists HUD by handling all consumer complaints related to manufactured homes that are built, sold or installed in Virginia. In 2022, DHCD resolved seven complaints and inspected 27 dealer lots. DHCD also administers a HUD-approved installation program, ensuring that manufactured homes installed in Virginia comply with the HUD safety standards and the Virginia Manufactured Home Safety Regulations.

The Virginia Manufactured Housing Board regulates Virginia's manufactured housing industry through the Virginia Manufactured Housing Licensing and Transaction Recovery Fund Regulations (MHLTRFR). DHCD provides support to the board by licensing and overseeing all Virginia manufactured home dealers, manufacturers and salespersons. This year, DHCD issued 553 manufactured housing licenses.

Amusement Device Year-in-Review

The Board of Housing and Community Development adopts the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations (VADR) to protect the health, safety and welfare of amusement device users in Virginia and to ensure regulatory consistency in the industry. DHCD certified amusement device inspectors must perform the inspections of amusement devices and must affix a Virginia Amusement Device Inspection Seal to each device once it is inspected and determined to comply with VADR.





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Industrialized Building Year-in-Review

Industrialized Buildings (IB), often referred to as modular buildings in Virginia, are regulated by the Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR). DHCD oversees the design and factory construction of industrialized buildings and utilizes approved third-party Compliance Assurance Agencies to conduct plan reviews and inspections, verifying that they comply with Virginia's building code. After an industrialized building leaves the factory, the installation and related construction work at the installation site are regulated by the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) and overseen by the local building department. This year, DHCD completed eight factory audits and 98 plan review audits.

DHCD issues Virginia Registration Seals that are applied to approved industrialized buildings, or building modules, before they leave the factory. The seals indicate that a building has been reviewed, inspected, and complies with the Virginia USBC. A total of 5,378 Virginia Registration Seals were issued in 2022.

New this year, DHCD partnered with the International Code Council and the Modular Building Institute to improve regulatory consistency by encouraging the adoption and continued development of national off-site construction standards.



2022 Snapshot

