# Michigan Bed and Breakfast Association

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# **2023 Quality Assurance Review Checklist**

Review Date:/	_/2023	Reviewer:	
B&B Name:		Innkeeper:	
Address:		City:	Zip:
Phone (Day):		Owner Operated?	Yes No
Phone (Evening):		Owner / Innkeeper lives on premises	? Yes No
Email Address:			
Website URL in full			
Insurance Co			
Policy#		Exp. Date	
B&B Owner(s):			
Innkeeper/Owner's Signature:	:		

#### Each Inn Must Meet Each of These Eight Requirements to Qualify for Membership

- 1. B&B must be in Michigan.
- 2. Member inns must have at least two guest rooms when joining the organization, although the Board of Directors may consider an application by other unique properties that meet all other requirements.
- 3. Breakfast must be provided on-site and included in the room rate.
- 4. Guest rooms must have the appearance of being individually and personally decorated, appointed in a manner consistent with the style of the inn, and in a manner that is more home than hotel-like.
- 5. The owner or innkeeper must live on the premises. \*

\*Prospective members may apply to the Board of Directors for a variance to this requirement as follows: A prospective member whose inn is located on nearby property and meets all other criteria may present to the Board of Directors for its review a plan for how the owner/innkeeper would maintain a prominent and ongoing presence and an atmosphere of hospitality in the inn while guests are staying. The member shall implement the plan as approved and maintain it so long as he/she remains a member.

- 6. The B&B must successfully complete the association's Quality Assurance Review Program requirements.
- 7. No more than two guest rooms or five people may share one full bath. If more than five guests share a bath, it must be a dormitory-type facility.
- 8. The B&B must honor valid gift certificates issued by MBBA as if they are cash and must provide cashback if the value of the certificate exceeds the cost of the stay. In return, the B&B receives reimbursement from MBBA for the full value of the gift certificate.

This inn meets all eight requirements for membership:	🗌 YES	□NO
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# **Clarification of Reviewers 'Role and Responsibilities**

Where subjective terms like "well-lit," "clean" and "adequate" are used in the following standards, reviewers will use their best judgment based on their training, on their knowledge of how innkeepers at top-rated B&Bs interpret and meet the standards, and on the central question: "How will this appear to a guest?"

## I. EXTERIOR GROUNDS & BUILDING

## **Basic Requirements**

1. 2.	B&B signage, street numbers, and other identification are clearly visible from the street. All B&B entrance doors other than the guest entrance are marked	□ YES	□no
	private.	🗆 YES	□NO
3.	Buildings are well maintained.	🗆 YES	□NO
4.	Lawn and gardens are groomed and maintained.	🗆 YES	□NO
5.	Outdoor furniture is clean and well-maintained.	🗆 YES	□NO
6.	Sufficient parking is available at the premises or nearby.	🗆 YES	□NO

## Safety Requirements

Jaie	ty Requirements		
1.	The following areas are well-lit and free of debris and safety hazards.		
а	) parking area	🗆 YES	□NO
Ł	) walkways and steps	🗆 YES	□NO
С	) entryway	🗆 YES	□NO
2.	The main entry door has a locking mechanism.	🗆 YES	□NO
3.	Guest entrance stairs with three or more steps have handrails.	🗆 YES	□NO
4. C	Does the premises have a hot tub, spa, or swimming pool,	🗆 YES	□NO
а	) Is it clean and well maintained	🗆 YES	□NO
	b:) Are appropriate warning signs posted?	🗆 YES	□NO
	c:) The owner(s) must confirm their awareness to the reviewer.		
	of current regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act and,		
	if not compliant, their plans to become compliant.	🗆 YES	□NO
5.	All local and state Fire & Safety Regulations are being met.	🗆 YES	□NO
6.	Each floor has a fire extinguisher that is pressurized and ready		
	to use according to manufacturer instructions, in plain view		
	regardless of any other fire suppression system.	🗌 YES	□NO
7.	Fire extinguishers have gauges or display an up-to-date		
	service tag.	🗌 YES	□NO
8.	Emergency lighting is available on all stairs and hallways;		
	recharging flashlights are provided in each guest room;	🗆 YES	□NO
	Or the inn has an automatic generator.	🗆 YES	□NO
9.	All common rooms are lit from dusk to dawn when guests		
	are in residence.	🗆 YES	□NO
10.	A basic first-aid kit containing non-expired items is		
r	naintained and available for self-applied guest use.	🗆 YES	□NO

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors / Alarms:** \*\*If a B&B has even one gas-fired or wood-fired appliance, it must have CO detectors installed to association standards, as set forth below. The detectors may be hard-wired but are readily and inexpensively available as plug-ins and can be purchased as a combination smoke and CO detector.

\*\*CO alarms are NOT required if your property has NO gas-fired appliances (boiler, stove, furnace, water heater, fireplace with gas insert, clothes dryer, etc.), fuel-fired appliances (fireplace, wood stove, pellet stove, etc.) or attached garage.

These are the requirements if you DO have gas-fired appliances, fuel-fired appliances, or an attached garage in your B&B:

- If the sleeping unit (bedroom) or attached bathroom contains any gas-fired or fuel-fired appliance, that sleeping unit shall have a CO alarm.
- If the dwelling unit (house) contains any gas-fired appliance, or fuel-fired appliance or has an attached garage, the dwelling unit shall have a CO alarm in the common area (hallway) outside of every sleeping unit.
- If that common area (see above) serves several sleeping units grouped together, only one CO alarm is required in that area.
- If sleeping areas are spread out on a floor or on separate floors, there must be a CO alarm outside of each group of sleeping areas

#### II. PROFESSIONALISM & RECORD KEEPING

#### **Basic Requirements**

1.	The innkeeper(s) use available technology to assure that		
	the inn's telephone is answered during business hours	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
2.	The reviewer contacted the B&B by phone before the review		
	and determined that telephone calls are handled in a courteous,		
	business-like manner, the inn's name is mentioned		
	upon answering, and that accurate information is provided.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
3.	An effective reservation system is used to prevent overbooking		
	or other reservation problems.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
4.	Brochure and all online advertising accurately describe the B&B, serv	ices offered	, and
	location. All text is original to the B&B.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
5.	Resident pets of Innkeepers are restricted to non-public areas of		
	the building unless resident pets are noted in all advertising and		
	disclosed when reservations are made.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
6.	Written "House Policies" are provided for guests.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
7.	Type of breakfast service is identified (continental or full) and is		
	included in the room rate.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
8.	Guests are informed in advance of shared baths.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
9.	A means for guests to contact emergency service is available		
	if cell service is not available in your area.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
10.	Emergency / 911 numbers are posted.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
11.	Guests are informed how they can always locate and		
	communicate with innkeepers	🗆 YES	🗆 NO

## III SOCIAL AREAS & KITCHEN

# **Basic Requirements**

1.	A specified so	cial area is available for guest use.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
2.	Heating and v	entilation are adequate throughout.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
3.	All walls, furn	ishings, and floor coverings are clean, and free of		
	dust, cobweb	s, and stains, and are in good repair:		
	a)	Floors	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
	b)	Walls	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
	c)	Windows	🗆 YES	□ NO
	d)	Furniture	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
	e)	Lamps and fixtures	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
	f)	Pictures and decorative objects	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
	g)	Window sills, baseboards, etc.	🗆 YES	🗆 NO
	h)	Curtains, drapes and window treatments	□ YES	□ <b>NO</b>
4.	A continental	or full breakfast is served in the premises.	□ YES	
5.		are noted with appropriate signage or kept locked.	□ YES	🗆 NO
6.		clean and well-maintained.	□ YES	
7.		tor is kept at or below 40 degrees.	□ YES	🗆 NO
8.	-	or a sanitizing agent is used to clean counters.	□ YES	
9.		ainer can be used without touching the lid and is		
	emptied daily	-	□ YES	🗆 NO

IV.	GUEST ROOMS Name of Rooms Reviewed		Private Bath	Share	d Bath
Poo	m 1.			Г	7
Poo	m 1: m 2:			L L	
Roo	m 2: m 3:			Г	
	m 4:			Г	_ 7
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Basi	<u>c Requirements</u>	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
1.	All furnishings, floor coverings and walls		(Mark X for Yes,	Circle for No	
	Are in good repair, dust and stain free:				
	a) Floors				
	b) Walls				
	c) Woodwork				
	d) Windows				
	e) Curtains, drapes, or other window dressing				
2.	Furnishings include:				
	a) Bed				
	<ul> <li>b) Nightstand or bookshelf headboard</li> </ul>				
	c) Bedside lamp				
	d) Chair				
3.	Adequate heating and cooling are provided.				
4.	Room is adequately lighted for reading.				
	(Minimum 120 watts/room)				
5.	Adequate outlets are easily accessible for				
	multiple electronic devices.				
6.	Shelf and counter space are available for guest		_	_	_
_	belongings.				
7.	A closet or clothes storage space with hangers	_	_	_	_
_	is provided.				
8.	Mattress is in top condition.				
9.	Bed linens are stain free and in good repair.				
10.	Bed linens include at minimum:		_	_	
	a) Mattress pad				
	b) Top and bottom sheet				
	c) Pillow protectors				
	d) Pillow cases				
	e) One pillow per person				

- f) Blanket
- g) Quilt, spread, or comforter
- 11. Two extra pillows and one blanket are available for each guest room.

<u>Safe</u>	ty Requirements	Room 1	Room 2 (Mark X for Yes,	Room 3	Room 4
1.	There is a smoke detector in working order.				
2.	Carbon Monoxide alarm(s) installed per the				
۷.	requirements stated on page 4 of this checklist				
3.	The Fire Escape Route is clearly posted and	•			
5.	visible in or from each guest room, or it has				
	an exterior door.				
v.	GUEST BATHROOMS				
Basi	<u>c Requirements</u>				
1.	Bathrooms are clean and well maintained:				
	a) Floors				
	b) Walls				
	c) Shower, tub, whirlpool, sink, and toilet				
	d) Shower door or curtain				
	e) Sink and tub stopper				
2.	Bathroom features include:	_	_		_
	a) Well-illuminated mirror				
	b) Wastebasket (emptied daily)				
	c) Ground Fault Interrupter-type electrical		_		_
	outlet as the electrical code requires.				
	d) Exhaust fan or air freshener				
	e) Night light				
	<ul><li>f) Counter/shelf space available for guest use</li></ul>				
	g) Facial tissue				
	h) Toilet paper (plus 1 extra)				
	I) Liquid or wrapped soap				
	<ul> <li>j) Drinking glasses (1 per person). If paper cups are used, glass or wrapped plastic must</li> </ul>	-+			
	also be available.	st □			
	k) Hair dryer				
r					
3. 4.	Bath linens are stain-free and in good condition Bath linens include, at a minimum:	1. 🗆			
4.	a) 1 bath towel, hand towel, and face cloth pe	vr 🗆			
	guest per bathroom				
	b) Clean bathmat				
5.	Adequate hot water is available for maximum				
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6.	occupancy. All faucets are drip-free and provide good wate				
0.	pressure.				
7.	In shared baths, extra towels are available				
7.	in the bathroom as well as cleaning supplies				
	which are kept in child-safe storage.				
8.	In shared baths, the bathroom door has an				
0.	inside lock.				

### Safety Requirements

1.	Cleaning supplies stored in guest-accessible		
	areas are kept in child-safe storage.		
2.	Tubs and showers have a non-slip surface		
	or mat provided.		

#### How reviewers check for bed bugs - and advice to innkeepers if they are found/suspected.

Before starting the review, ask the innkeeper(s) if they have any reason to suspect bed bugs on the premises.

If the response is "yes" or "maybe," <u>do not proceed with the review</u>. Postpone the review until after the issue is resolved.

Advise the innkeepers to seek immediate assistance from a professional pest control company. Advise them NOT to attempt chemical treatment themselves, as they would then be liable for any health damages incurred by current or subsequent guests.

(Note: specially trained dogs are 99% effective in finding bedbugs; people only 40%.)

During treatment by a professional exterminator, the innkeepers must strip the premises of all fabric and clothing and vacuum all surfaces thoroughly. Place all fabrics in plastic containers and spray with alcohol. Expect to live from plastic containers for 4 to 6 weeks.

Advise the innkeepers to consult the State of Michigan "official" bed bug website: <u>http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/0,1607,7-186--147759--,00.html</u>

If you fear contamination, spray your clothing, purse or wallet and briefcase with a concentration of 90% alcohol. Alcohol kills bed bugs on contact. Washable fabric may be washed in hot water. If your vehicle seats are fabric, you may treat them as well.

#### **Bed Bug Inspection**

Using a <u>high-intensity</u> flashlight, check the following for black specks created by bed bug feces:

□ YES	🗆 NO
🗆 YES	🗆 NO
🗆 YES	🗆 NO

# Back of headboard (move bed away from wall) Underside of box springs, under muslin (if possible)

#### **Preventive Tools and Other Information for Innkeepers**

1. Mattress piping

- Bed-bug proof mattress and box spring covers ELIMINATE the bed bug threat, locking them in or out. A set can be purchased from Bed, Bath and Beyond, MBBA's Preferred Vendor member Lady Americana or from HD Supply online. The zippers on these covers MUST be "Bug Lock Secure," or the insects can go between the links and through end openings.
- Metal stands on bed frames make it hard for bugs to get up into the bed.
- Check with your insurance provider whether you are covered in the event of an infestation.

It is suggested that if a guest should complain of or suspect bed bugs, find them immediate accommodations elsewhere. Do <u>not</u> charge them. Apologize. Reassure them bed bugs are not diseasebearing and assure them you will not use the room until it is exterminated, which you plan to do immediately. This makes good PR sense for the inn and may help avert a negative public review or litigation.

### **Recommended Best Practices**

The following best practices distinguish B&Bs from chain motels and unregulated home shares (like Airbnb) and, while not required, are the standards that B&B guests expect and that MBBA expects its members to maintain.

1.	For food preparation during and after the pandemic, any level of ServSafe certification is recommended that is appropriate to B&B's		
	specific food operations.	🗆 YES	□ NO
2.	Dishes, cutlery, and table linens used are of a type and quality that		
	positively distinguishes the inn's food service from that offered in chains.	🗆 YES	$\Box$ NO
3.	Do not permit pets anywhere food is prepared, stored, or served.	🗆 YES	$\Box$ NO
4. 5.	Provide a complimentary snack or treat basket, bottled water, and sodas. Provide free WiFi or web access at a service level adequate for the	□ YES	□ NO
	maximum number of guests using multiple devices.	🗆 YES	$\Box$ NO
6.	Provide luggage racks, benches, or other means of keeping guests'		
	luggage off the floors, bed, or seating (bed bug prevention).	🗆 YES	□ NO
7.	Provide guest rooms with a means of hanging coats.	🗆 YES	$\Box$ NO
8.	Frequently wash mattress pads and pillows/pillow protectors.	🗆 YES	$\Box$ NO
9.	Replace bed linens, towels, and other items whenever they become		
	worn-looking – not just worn out.	🗆 YES	□ NO
10.	Place professionally installed grab bars by bathtubs, whirlpools and		
	toilets.	🗆 YES	□ NO
11.	Sleep in each of your guest rooms once a year, trying everything and bringing all the items you would bring if you were a		
	guest, including winter coats and boots.	🗆 YES	$\Box$ NO
12.	Ensure the main entry door has a locking mechanism that allows unhindered ingress and egress for guests at all times of day		
	while prohibiting ingress by anyone whose access is not authorized.	□ YES	□ NO

#### **Recommended Best Practices - Alcohol**

The Michigan Bed and Breakfast Association does not hold any liabilities for violations of state and local alcohol regulations. It is important to understand that individual members are responsible for reviewing and following all applicable state and local regulations about the sale and serving of alcohol.

Furthermore, we would like to emphasize that Michigan has strict rules regarding the sale and distribution of alcohol, including the prohibition of free alcohol giveaways. It is imperative that all members adhere to these regulations to avoid any legal consequences and ensure the safety of their guests and the community they serve.

We encourage all members to review their operations and ensure compliance with all relevant regulations. MBBA members are expected to uphold the highest standards in our industry and prioritize the safety and well-being of our guests and community.

#### **Recommended Best Practices -- Emergency Procedures**

#### Common-sense precautions for guest safety and legal protection of the innkeepers.

1.	Post a description of the types and sounds of warning sirens used		
	in your community.	🗆 YES	□ NO
2.	Post a meeting place for guests to congregate after escaping a fire		
	or other disaster.	🗆 YES	$\Box$ NO
3.	Post and provide directions to a designated location in the event of a		
	tornado warning or other disasters.	🗆 YES	$\Box$ NO
4.	Stock the tornado/disaster area with survival supplies as the		
	National Weather Service recommends.	🗆 YES	$\Box$ NO
5.	Properly install and maintain a generator during a power outage.	🗆 YES	□ NO

#### Attn: Innkeeper

Use this form to prepare for your scheduled Quality Assurance Review. Certification of your B&B will be determined by your compliance with all basic and safety requirements of the Michigan Bed and Breakfast Association (MBBA) Quality Assurance Standards, as presented on this checklist, by your assigned Reviewer.

**Bed Bugs:** Before starting the review, the reviewer will ask the innkeeper(s) if they have any reason to suspect bed bugs on the premises. If yes, the reviewer will not proceed with the inspection

**Safety Requirements:** All safety requirements are mandatory and must be met, including providing a copy of insurance certification. These standards impact the B&B industry and are of critical concern to the B&B public. If the Reviewer documents that any one of the safety requirements is not met, your **B&B will not be approved and certified.** For initial or ongoing MBBA membership, a second review will be required after correcting safety deficiencies. Any second review will be at the owner's request and will require a fee of \$100.00.

**Basic Requirements:** Compliance with all basic requirements is expected. When up to 5 basic requirements are not met, Innkeeper(s) will be given up to one month to meet the requirements, report compliance, and provide proof to the MBBA office. Certification will be granted thereafter. **If the Reviewer documents non-compliance with 6 or more basic requirements, certification will not be granted.** A second review will be required after basic deficiencies are corrected. Any second review will be at the owner's request and will require a fee of \$100.

**<u>Recommended Best Practices</u>**: Best practices" are detailed at the end of this document. While these practices are NOT required, innkeepers are encouraged to adopt as many as feasible as they reflect standards that today's B&B guests have come to expect.

<u>Scheduling & Cancellation of Quality Assurance Reviews</u>: All B&B Inns will be contacted by their assigned Reviewer. After arranging a mutually convenient time, the Reviewer will confirm the date and time of the review in writing. Member Inns unable to keep their scheduled Review appointment are expected to give 24 hours' notice. Likewise, Reviewers who need to cancel a scheduled review are expected to give the inn a 24-hour notice. If a Reviewer arrives for a scheduled Review and the Innkeeper or designee is not available and the Review cannot be conducted, a "No Show" fee will be charged to the Member Inn. The fee will be equal to the expenses incurred by the Reviewer unable to conduct the Review. Another review date will not be scheduled until the "No Show" fee has been paid.