

Bunk Bed Rules

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The Inspectional Services Department noted that justification is needed to assure that bed homemade platforms are compliant with the Building Code.

- 1) If the home-built bunk bed is attached to the building structure, has suitable railings, is clearly used for sleeping and can be shown to have proper sprinkler coverage from a previous installation it will be allowed to remain. No similar attached structures should be built without a permit.
- 2) If the home-built bunk bed has suitable railings, is clearly used for sleeping and is not attached to the structure of the building, it will be allowed to remain.
- 3) In every case, nothing should interfere with an egress pathway's height (6'-8") and width (typically 3'-0").
- 4) In every case, nothing should interfere with sprinkler patterns.
- 5) All home-built bunk beds should also comply with national furniture industry standards for loads, safe access, and guardrails.

Consumer Product Safety Commission Safety Standard for Bunk Beds can be found at:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=9f9e8a4eb16bc73878789b920b118745&node=16:2.0.1.2.52&rgn=div5>

- 6) The CPSC Safety Standard for Bunk Beds (including the requirement for guardrails) does not apply to bunk beds manufactured for institutional use. However, MIT housing suggests that HCBs may want to make guardrails available to their residents, if specifically requested.

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