

1300.0180 UNSAFE BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES.

A building or structure regulated by the code is unsafe, for purposes of this part, if it is structurally unsafe, not provided with adequate egress, a fire hazard, or otherwise dangerous to human life.

Building service equipment that is regulated by the code is unsafe, for purposes of this part, if it is a fire, electrical, or health hazard; an unsanitary condition; or otherwise dangerous to human life. Use of a building, structure, or building service equipment constituting a hazard to safety, health, or public welfare by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, disaster, damage, or abandonment is, for the purposes of this part, an unsafe use. Parapet walls, cornices, spires, towers, tanks, statuary, and other appendages or structural members that are supported by, attached to, or a part of a building and that are in deteriorated condition or otherwise unable to sustain the design loads that are specified in the code are unsafe building appendages.

The building official shall order any building or portion of a building to be vacated if continued use is dangerous to life, health, or safety of the occupants. The building official shall have the authority to order disconnection of utility services to the building, structure, or system, regulated by the code, in case of an emergency to eliminate a hazard to life or property. The order shall be in writing and state the reasons for the action.

All unsafe buildings, structures, or appendages are public nuisances and must be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal according to Minnesota Statutes, sections 463.15 to 463.26.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 16B.59; 16B.61; 16B.64; 326B.02; 326B.101; 326B.106; 326B.13*

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