

# **National Master List**

**Prevention & Information Branch**

**U.S. Fire Administration**

**FEMA / DHS**

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**The Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990  
stands as an example of a federal law  
that achieved its intended purpose.**

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**Before passage of the law,  
the United States experienced  
many tragic hotel fires, through  
the 20th century.**

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**Today fire deaths in US lodging  
properties are rare.**

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- Federal effort to mitigate deadly hotel fires
- *Hotel & Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990*
- Mandates FEMA to maintain *National Master List (NML)* for lodging
- Program and *NML* managed by USFA

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- Gives lodging industry incentive to improve life safety
- Requires federal employees stay in lodging meeting minimum life-safety
- NML > smoke alarms in all guestrooms plus sprinklers if four stories or higher

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- NML application process online via USFA website
- USFA > works directly with lodging industry everyday
- USFA > maintains and posts the NML for 56 states and territories
- USFA > enter data or approve NML applications for 37 states and territories

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- 50,000 lodging properties with 15+ guestrooms in the United States
- 43,500 lodging properties on NML
- Today NML includes extended-stay lodging and apartments
- GSA uses NML for annual *per diem* rate survey