

1st STOP CHECKLIST:

ZOO (PETTING ZOO)

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- If you will bring animals in from out of state, you must contact the **Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industry** to find out about health requirements and registration. The **Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industry** can be reached at **(614) 728-6220**. Information is also on-line at www.ohioagriculture.gov/animal.
- For more information about **Ohio Dangerous Wild Animal Act**, please see [Senate Bill 310](#).
- For more information, consult the **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 1501**. The ORC can be found at your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/1501:31-19-01>.
- There are also **federal regulations** set by the **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**. Read the attached information from the USDA. For more information, contact the USDA's **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)** at **(919) 855-7100**. The APHIS is on-line at www.aphis.usda.gov.
- If you will breed amphibians, reptiles, fish or game animals (such as rabbits) contact the **Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Wildlife District Office** in your area for more information. Information is also on-line at <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/>.

Central Ohio
(614) 644-3925

Northwest Ohio
(419) 424-5000

Northeast Ohio
(330) 644-2293

Southeast Ohio
(740) 589-9930

Southwest Ohio
(937) 372-9261

- Contact the **Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** for information about the proper disposal of hazardous and solid waste. The EPA can be reached at **(614) 644-3020 for General Inquiries or (800) 329-7518 for Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention**. The Ohio EPA is also on-line at www.epa.state.oh.us.
- If you will sell food through a restaurant, concession stand or mobile food vendor, you must have a **food service operation license**. Contact **your local health department** for license and inspection information

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- If you will sell upholstered or stuffed items, contact **the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Industrial Compliance, Bedding and Upholstered Furniture Section for licensing information.** They can be reached at **(614) 644-2236.** The Ohio Department of Commerce is on-line at www.com.ohio.gov/dico.
- If you will sell souvenirs, beverages, or any other taxable items, you'll need a **VENDOR'S LICENSE.** For more information, contact [YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR](#) or the [OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION](#).
- If your business will have mechanical or water rides, you must have one permit for every ride. You must have the permits before you begin operation. Contact the **Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Amusement Ride Safety** at **(614) 728-6280** with questions about insurance, permits, inspections and fees. The Ohio Department of Agriculture is also on-line at www.ohioagriculture.gov/rides.
- If you will serve **alcoholic beverages**, you must have the appropriate permit. Contact **the Ohio Department of Liquor Control** at **(614) 644-2360** for more information. Information is also on-line at <http://www.com.ohio.gov/liqr/>.
- If you have questions about sales tax, contact the **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION** at **(888) 405-4039 for Business Tax Assistance; 888-405-4089 for Tax Registration; or (800) 282-1782 for the Forms Request Line.** Information is also on-line at <http://tax.ohio.gov>.
- If you will feature recorded or live **music**, you must have permission from the owner of the copyrighted material. You can do this by contacting **ASCAP** or **BMI**. For more information, contact **ASCAP** at **(212) 621-6000** (www.ascap.com) or **BMI** at **(212) 220-3000** at (www.bmi.com).
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