



# BOILER INSPECTIONS

ORS 480.510 may be cited as the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Law. This is the section of the Oregon Revised Statutes that mandates boiler and pressure vessel inspections. The time frame of the inspection is different depending on what type of boiler you have. Some require annual inspections where others require one to be done once every five years. ORS 480.560 states the requirements for when your boiler needs to be inspected. The purpose of this section is to protect the safety of the people of Oregon and to protect property situated in Oregon from the hazard of fires and explosions caused by boilers and pressure vessels.



## A boiler is defined as:

- a.) A closed vessel or vessels intended for the heating or vaporizing of liquids to be used externally to such vessel or vessels by the application of heat from combustible fuels, electricity or nuclear energy;
- b.) Related appurtenances including but not limited to pressure piping directly connected and related to the safe operation of a boiler; and
- c.) Pressure piping consisting of boiler or non-boiler external piping connected to a boiler, but not potable water non-boiler external piping.

SDIS offers its members boiler inspections free as part of your property and casualty coverage. Travelers is the entity that will conduct the inspections. To contact them for an inspection, email [BOILINSP@travelers.com](mailto:BOILINSP@travelers.com). You will need to provide them with the name of the insured, location address, contact name at the district and phone number when setting up an inspection.

**Some information Travelers has provided to determine if an entity needs an inspection is as follows:**

## How do I know if I need an inspection?

Look near your equipment to determine if an existing certificate is in place. Check the date to see if it is current. If not – you may need an inspection to update your certificate.

Otherwise: If you can answer yes to any of the following questions, you may require a certificate inspection. Call Travelers to find out.

1. Does my location contain any heating or process steam boilers?
2. Does my location have any 200,000+ Btu/hr or over 120 gallon hot water heaters?
3. Does my location contain any pressure vessels?
4. Does my location have a central air conditioning system?



If you have any questions relating to boiler inspections please contact SDAO Underwriting at (800) 285-5461 or email at [underwriting@sdao.com](mailto:underwriting@sdao.com).