

Dogs, Beds, and Bugs!



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Question 1: Service dogs are not allowed in which public location?

- a. Restaurants and other places that serve food.
- b. Open Home with offices in them.
- c. The Pool and Public Bathhouses.
- d. They're allowed everywhere.

Question 2: Does the ADA regulate Open and Model homes?

- a. Yes. They are both a commercial venture.
- b. Yes. Real Estate is public.
- c. No. Unless it has a sales office on the property.
- d. No. Homes are private property.

Question 3: What is the Iowa state's definition of a bedroom?

- a. A room with a closet
- b. A room with an egress window.
- c. A room with an egress window and a closet.
- d. None of the above.

Question 4: Who sets the standard for egress windows for basement bedrooms?

- a. The State of Iowa.
- b. Each county.
- c. Each city.
- d. a& b
- e. b&c

Question 5: Approximately how big must an egress window be?

- a. Large enough to shimmy through.
- b. Large enough for a fireman to get through with his gear.
- c. Smaller than a door, larger than a window.
- d. Wide enough for two people to escape through.

Question 6: If you have questions if a basement room can be a bedroom, you should contact:

- a. The County Assessor.
- b. A Home Inspector.
- c. Iowa Association of Realtors
- d. The Fire Department.

Question 7: Is a closet required for basement bedrooms?

- a. Yes, and it must be a structure of a room, not a moveable one.
- b. Yes, but it can be moveable.
- c. No, just an egress window is required.
- d. No, basements don't have bedrooms.
- e. None of the above.

Question 8: The Emerald Ash Borer is what color?

- a. Emerald
- b. Metallic Green
- c. Green
- d. Blue

Question 9: The Emerald Ash Borer does **not** attack which type of Ash tree?

- a. White Ash
- b. Green Ash
- c. Mountain Ash
- d. None of the Above

Question 10: Which is NOT a sign of an EAB infestation?

- a. Yellowing leaves
- b. D-shaped holes in the bark
- c. Loss of leaves
- d. Split bark

Question 11: Iowa currently is:

- a. Enacting quarantine only in counties with confirmed EAB
- b. In a state-wide quarantine.
- c. Doing nothing.
- d. Too busy to deal with the “pest”.

Answer Key:

Question 1: D. They are allowed everywhere. The key word is “public” anywhere the public is allowed, a service dog is allowed.

Question 2: C. The ADA regulates only public accommodations. A sales office within a home (oftentimes a spec house!) would be regulated by the ADA and reasonable accommodation to those with disabilities must be made, but Open Homes and Model homes do not, ordinarily, qualify.

Question 3: D. This is a “trick” question as the state of Iowa does not actually give a definition. The definitions for bedrooms can be found at the county and city level, but not at the state level.

Question 4: E. E is the correct answer because it is the county and individual cities that define what a bedroom must be and variations are made at the local level, rather than the state level.

Question 5: B. The standard measurements given by the International Building Code and the International Code Council (which most, if not all, Iowa Counties and Cities have adopted) are large enough to fit a fireman, with all his gear on, through the opening. The primary purpose of the egress window is for escape and rescue.

Question 6: A. The County Assessor will have the most up-to-date information regarding the property.

Question 7: E. There is no defined closet rule, therefore it may or may not be required.

Question 8: B.

Question 9: C. The Mountain Ash is not actually an Ash tree, despite its name.

Question 10: A. Signs of an EAB infestation include: dying canopy, split bark, D-shaped holes, and S-shaped larve galleries under the bark. For more information see:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/Forestry/ForestHealth/EmeraldAshBorer.aspx>

Question 11: B. All 99 counties are quarantined. There should be no transportation of Ash (as firewood, saplings, or otherwise) across state borders. Counties with confirmed EAB include: Allamakee, Des Moines, Jefferson, Cedar, Union, Black Hawk, Wapello, Bremer, and Jasper. It’s best not to transfer any Ash across county lines either, to help contain the EAB infestation.