

State of Florida DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0500

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Dear Homeowner:

This is in response to your request for information on filing a complaint. There are existing **State Laws** and **Federal Regulations** governing the limitations on mobile home warranties. Please review the information outlined below before completing the enclosed Mobile Home Complaint Registration form.

Florida Statute 320.836 states, the consumer must submit their claim in writing to the manufacturer or dealer stating the substance of the warranty defect. Please supply this documentation with your complaint registration packet.

Florida Statute 320.835 requires the manufacturer to warrant the major components of the home for one year from date of delivery. The dealer warrants his set up operations performed on the home for one year and assures the home has been set to the manufacturer's instructions.

If your home is <u>over one year old</u> and produced by a <u>Florida manufacturer</u>, we will notify the manufacturer of your complaint for their follow-up under the Federal Program, we will also advise you of their findings. However, if your home was produced by an <u>out of state manufacturer</u> and is <u>over one</u> <u>year old</u>, we will notify the HUD State Administrative Agency (SAA) located in the state of manufacture and they will follow-up with the factory. We <u>will not</u> be able to take further action.

Our jurisdiction is limited to structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, heating, fire and life safety. We have no jurisdiction over nonstructural, cosmetic items such as floor coverings, panel blemishes, paint shades, etc.

If you purchased a used home, it must have been purchased from a Florida licensed dealer. We have no jurisdiction over private sales. Our jurisdiction for used homes are limited to the contractual agreements provided by the selling dealer and documented accordingly.

All sale agreements *must* be documented *in writing*, we have *no jurisdiction* over verbal, nondocumented agreements.

When you complete the enclosed affidavit, there is a minimum of information that we <u>must</u> have to process your complaint:

- 1. Name and mailing address (if different than physical address of home location) and an active daytime telephone number.
- 2. Copy of the sales contract provided by your dealer at the time of the sale.
- 3. Name and address of the home's manufacturer and the complete serial number of the home.
- 4. A brief description of the problems you are experiencing with your home and the dates you have spoken to the dealer/manufacturer.

Please allow 2 to 4 weeks processing time, depending on office workload, for a response to your complaint.

MH / RV COMPLAINT REGISTRATION

(Please type or print)

Filed By:	Date of Purchase:				
Address:	Date of Delivery:				
Mailing Address:	MH: RV: NEW: USED: CHECK ONE)				
(If different from above)	Current License Decal #:				
County of Residence:	Serial #:				
Phone #:	HUD Label #:				
(Home) (Work)	(Red/Silver metal tag on rear of unit)				
Installer Name:	Has County passed final inspection and/or				
Installer License #:	issued a Certificate of Occupancy? YES / NO				
Date Installed: Label #:	(Circle One)				
DEALER INFORMATION	MANUFACTURER INFORMATION				
(Name of Dealer)	(Name of Manufacturer)				
(Address of Dealer)	(Address of Manufacturer)				
(City / State / Zip)	(City / State / Zip)				
(Telephone Number)	(Telephone Number)				
Have you contacted the Dealer in writing concerning your problems?	Have you contacted the Manufacturer in writing concerning your				
Yes / No. Please Give Dates and Persons Contacted.	problems? Yes / No. Please give dates and persons contacted				
NATURE OF COMPLAINT: NOTE: If there are contractual including purchase agree	problems, please attach copies of all supporting documents, eement, contract, etc.				
(Use reverse side of this form	if additional space is needed)				
	please provide directions to you home nway in your area				
MAIL TO: Mobile Home Construction					
5701 E. Hillsborough Avenue					
Net Park Suite 2228	(Signature of Complainant) (Date Signed)				
Tampa, Florida 33610	OFFICE USE ONLY				
Ph: 813/740-4298 Fax: 813/740-4311	TBR NJ				
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Directions to the Mobile Home

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