

The Home Safety Act includes important changes to the enabling statutes for the UDC. The changes were effective as of December 18, 2003. Previous to the new legislation, municipalities with a population of 2,500 or less could choose by resolution to decline UDC enforcement. Municipalities of less than 2,500 that passed a resolution of non-enforcement also had the opportunity to continue non-enforcement until January 1, 2005.

Municipalities that previously chose not to enforce the UDC now have three options:

- ♦ Adopt an ordinance to begin local enforcement of the UDC. This may include contracting with another municipality or a private party to do the work.
- ♦ Delegate enforcement to the county, if the county is willing to accept it.
- ♦ Take no action. This then causes the Safety and Buildings Division to enforce the UDC for new homes in the municipality.

There are approximately 564 municipalities where the state will provide UDC enforcement. In those areas that state-contracted inspectors will be providing enforcement, permits will be required for new home construction but not additions or alterations. It is important to stress that this does not prohibit municipalities from enforcing single and two family municipal ordinances or permits. For questions on the enforcement status of a specific municipality or finding a registered UDC Inspection Agency, please check the Safety & Buildings website, [www.commerce.wi.gov/SB](http://www.commerce.wi.gov/SB). For further information contact the Wisconsin Department of Commerce.

In Burnett County, all the towns and villages, except the Town of Dewey and the Town of La Follette, are currently identified as locally enforcing the Home Safety Act. The Town of Dewey and La Follette use a state contracted inspection agency. Enforcement is not provided through Burnett County.

#### Movin' Out, Inc.

Movin' Out is a housing organization that provides services to people with disabilities and their families throughout the State of Wisconsin. It provides information and assistance during the home-purchasing process, including pre-purchase counseling and down-payment assistance.

### **Regional Housing Programs**

#### Northwest Regional Planning Commission's Housing Program

NWRPC's housing program provides administrative services to local housing rehabilitation programs throughout their 10 county region. In Burnett County, the commission has an administrative relationship with housing rehabilitation in the Town of Swiss.

<http://www.nwrpc.com/housing>

#### Northwest Affordable Housing

Northwest Affordable Housing is a program of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission that promotes affordable and accessible housing for low and moderate-income people. It serves Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor and Washburn counties.