Hospitality, Hotels & Short-Term Rentals: Scope & Hazard Boundaries

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Direct Answer: Hospitality and short-term rental (STR) contents scoping begins by separating building systems, owner/franchise Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E), Operating Supplies and Equipment (OS&E), and guest personal property while isolating bloodborne, bedbug, flame-retardant textile, and lithium-ion battery hazards before pack-out.

Field Benchmark & Decision Matrix

Asset / Zone Category	Typical Property Examples	Primary Ownership & Policy Bucket	Key Hazard or Compliance Gate	Required Day-1 Field Action
Guestroom Casegoods & Sleep Systems	Headboards, dressers, desks, mattresses, sleeper sofas, blackout drapes	Hotel Owner / STR Host BPP (or Franchise FF&E)	Bedbug check, bodily-fluid/OSHA 1910.1030 screening, NFPA 701 FR labels	Inspect seams & labels before touching; photograph PMS room number first
Wall-Mounted & In-Room Mechanicals	PTAC/VTAC chassis, RFID door locks, smart thermostats, hardwired sconces	Split: Sleeves/wiring (Building) vs removable chassis/locks (FF&E/Building)	Live 208V/240V feeds, condensate mold, refrigerant handling rules	Tag electrical disconnect; document lease/PIP split before pulling PTACs
Operating Supplies & Equipment (OS&E)	Sheet par stock, towels, irons, hair dryers, mugs, guestroom safes	Hotel Operations / STR Host BPP (Consumables & Smallwares)	Cross-contamination with soiled linens or housekeeping chemicals	Separate clean par-stock closets from active loss rooms immediately
Back-of-House & Housekeeping Zones	Linen carts, commercial washers, ice machines, chemical dilution stations	Hotel Owner BPP (or Leased Vendor Equipment)	Concentrated quaternary/bleach mixing, slip hazards, leased dispenser titles	Verify vendor lease tags on chemical/coffee/ice systems before logging
Displaced Guest Personal Property	Suitcases, laptops, CPAPs, medications, passports, cash inside rooms	Third-Party Guest Property (Never Owner BPP)	Privacy, theft liability, controlled medication & firearm exclusions	Seal room or escort guest/GM recovery with signed witness log; never pack
STR Owner Lock-Off & Common HOA Zones	Owner ski/surf gear, backup bulk stock, shared lobbies/elevators	Unit Owner Personal vs HOA/COA Master Building Policy	Damaged guest e-bikes/scooters (Li-ion thermal runaway) in garages	Map HOA vs unit boundary; isolate swollen Li-ion batteries outdoors

Practitioner Operational Takeaways

• Obtain PMS room-number floor plans or STR unit zone maps before entering affected wings.

• Separate Building fixtures, franchise FF&E, OS&E par stock, vendor-leased gear, and HOA vs unit-owner scopes on Day 1.

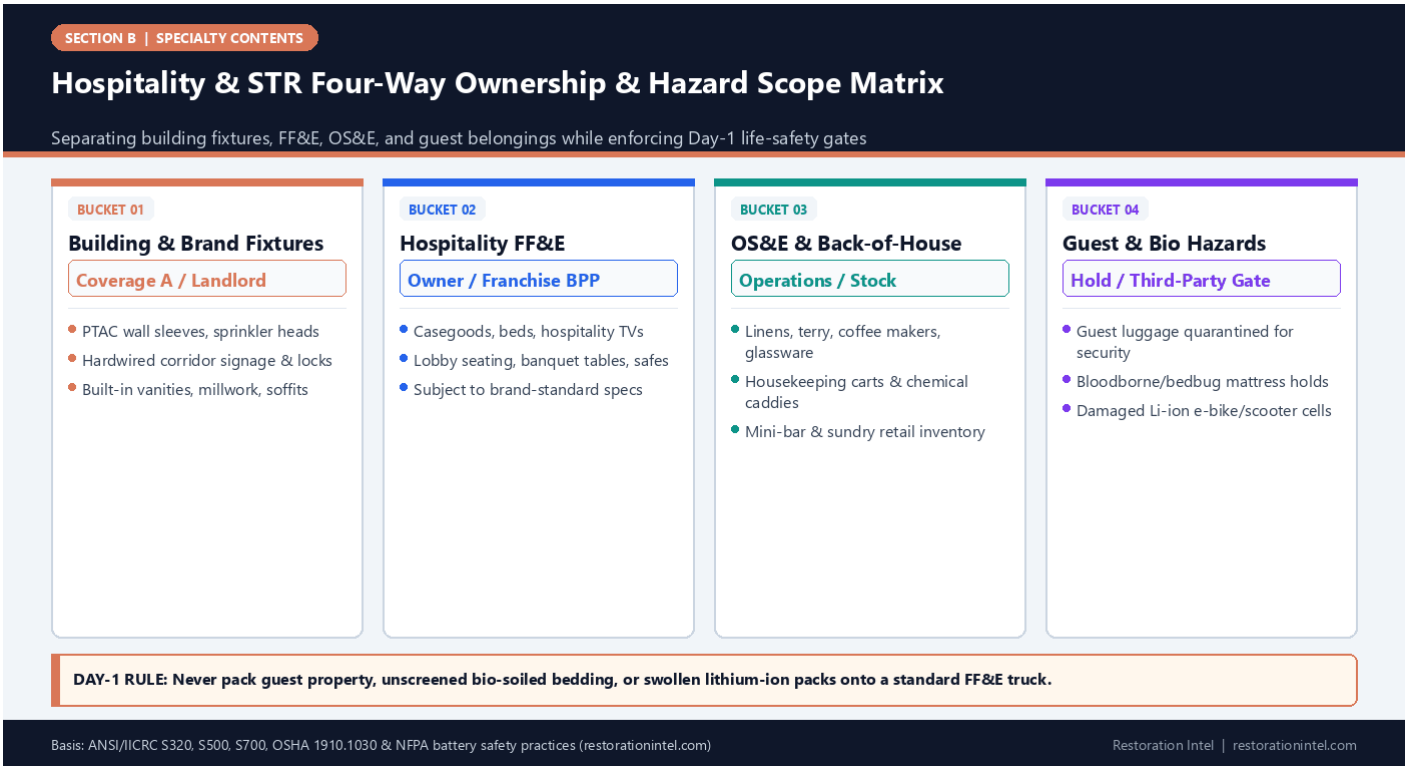
• Quarantine all displaced guest personal belongings under hotel GM/security dual-witness control; never pack guest luggage.

• Perform bedbug, sharps, and OSHA 1910.1030 bloodborne screening on every mattress, sofa, and bath zone before lifting.

• Photograph NFPA 701 / commercial flame-retardant labels on drapes and seating prior to any cleaning test.

• Isolate fire- or water-exposed lithium-ion e-bike/scooter batteries outdoors; never place damaged cells inside vault trucks.

Visual Workflow & Benchmark Summary



Companion Endpoints & Verified Primary Sources

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• **ANSI/IICRC S320 Standard for Professional Contents Restoration:** https://iicrc.org/s320/

• **ANSI/IICRC S500 Water Damage Standard:** https://iicrc.org/s500/

• **ANSI/IICRC S700 Fire & Smoke Restoration Standard:** https://iicrc.org/s700/

• **OSHA 1910.1030 Bloodborne Pathogens Standard:**
https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.1030

• **NFPA Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Resources:**
https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/energy-transition/lithium-Ion-batteries