

Life Safety Code Made Easy

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Environmental Tags

Providing a safe homelike environment

- Physical damage, peeling paint inside an out
- Trash and debris around the facility
- Pest control
- Handrails

Hazardous Areas

- Furnace Rooms
- Laundries
- Repair Shops
- Trash Collection Rooms
- Combustible Storage Rooms
- Soiled Linen Rooms

Smoke Barrier

- Doors
- Walls
- Attics

Sprinkler System

- Annual Inspections
- Quarterly Inspections
- Monthly Monitoring

Kitchen Hood and Suppression System

- Hood duct/vent must be professionally cleaned every six months.
- Suppression system must be inspected every six months

Fire Alarm System

- Annual Inspection
- Sensitivity Test
- Smoke Detectors
- Alarm Panel
- Pull Stations

Fire Drills

- Have a plan and specific duties for all employees.
- ALL staff must participate.
- Shall be conducted quarterly on each shift.
- Drills are to be held at unexpected times and under varying conditions

Corridor Room Doors

- Doors in sprinklered buildings only required to resist the passage of smoke.
- Doors must latch securely when closed.
- Hold open devices that release when the door is pushed or pulled are permitted.
- Doors can not be blocked open with any thing.

Portable Fire Extinguishers

- Annual Inspections
- Monthly Inspections
- Six year maintenance
- Hydrostat testing

Deficiencies That Should Never Happen

- Oxygen Storage
- Portable Space Heaters
- Exit Signs
- Extension Cords
- Testing Emergency Lights

Maintenance Logs

- Have all Life Safety concerns together
- Don't use check marks
- Give location of equipment tested

Loss of Electrical Power

Puts all residents in serious jeopardy

- Fire Alarm System
- Smoke Barrier Doors
- Exit Doors with magnetic locks
- Emergency Lighting in corridors

Loss of Electrical Power (cont.)

- Automatic Sprinkler System
- Directional/Exit Lights
- Fire Watch

Emergency Power

- Generator \neq Emergency Power
- An Emergency Electrical Service System Type I is required when
 - Electrically Powered Life Support
 - Surgery under general anesthesia
 - Emergency and Life Safety system do not have battery backup

Exit Access Corridors and Exit Doors

- Exit access and exit doors shall be arranged and designed to be clearly recognizable.
- Means of egress shall be continuously maintained free of all obstructions or impediments at all times.

Exit Egress

- Residents and Visitors must be able to exit
- CMS views this as a resident rights issue
- Exit without using a fire pull.

New Sprinkler Requirements

- New rule requiring all Nursing Facilities to be sprinkler protected
- Including skilled units in hospitals
- August 13, 2013 compliance date
- Fully sprinklered facilities meet the rule