



## Facilities Management Solutions

### LIFE SAFETY ASSESSMENT

# A safe environment starts with proactive solutions.

Life safety codes exist to ensure health care institutions can provide a safe environment to conduct patient care. Healthcare facilities are often challenged to properly assess their Life Safety Code Compliance and understand the interpretations and exceptions of the code. Facility Management Solutions (FMS) is an essential partner in ensuring that maintenance teams and facilities are functioning at optimum levels and regulatory compliance risks are minimized.

Hospitals go through many renovations which can span decades. These renovations can result in buildings that adhere to different versions of the NFPA Life Safety Code, and they lack consistent documentation which could result in findings by surveyors. It is important to have current and accurate reports and plans that reflect the existing state of the building and to have a full understanding of code in the event of an emergency, or in the event an incident occurs which prompts a visit from a CMS surveyor, State Health Department official, or Fire Marshall.

FMS will place an experienced consultant who has regulatory and accreditation expertise, adept survey readiness skills, deep healthcare experience, and the ability to help organizations make self-directed, continuous progress towards their goals long after the engagement is completed.

#### As your life safety partner, we will:

- Provide high-level technical consulting based on your current compliance needs
- Provide best practices and/or programs to establish compliance in areas requiring improvement
- Support you in being in a continued state of survey-readiness

*The fact is only **20% of healthcare facilities pass** annually with zero discrepancies for Life Safety performance. 80% of The Joint Commission's elements of performance (600+ in total) is made up of Life Safety and Environment of Care*

## A unique approach to healthcare facilities operations.

Facilities Management Solutions (FMS) has direct healthcare facilities management experience and over 100 years' combined experience applied across more than 180 hospitals. We are an essential partner in ensuring that maintenance teams and facilities are functioning at optimum levels and regulatory compliance risks are minimized.

### MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- Director/Consultant of Facilities Management Placement
- Integrated Facilities Program
- Regulatory Compliance
  - Mock Survey
  - Safety Officer Readiness Training
  - Ligature Risk Assessment
  - Life Safety Assessment
  - Life Safety Plan Drawing Design & Updates
- Emergency Management
- Construction Project Management

### ASSESSMENT SERVICES

- Energy Management
- Facilities Spend & Opportunities Assessment (FSOA)
- Facilities Infrastructure & Condition Assessment (FICA)

### WHO WE SERVE

- Acute, Rehabilitation, Behavioral and Specialty Hospitals
- Outpatient Care Facilities
- Long-term Acute Care Facilities

## What does Life Safety Assessment Include?

**Life Safety Assessment** with Random, Thorough, or Comprehensive Sampling Survey

- Conduct building tour to review life safety protective features as identified in NFPA 101 and NFPA 99
- Random sampling inspection of a limited number of life safety protective features with the goal to identify major deficiencies and general noncompliance patterns
- Photographic documentation of deficiencies
- Deficiency Documentation Report which details Life Safety Code deficiencies

**Visual Random Sampling Nondestructive Survey** of each zone to determine and classify actual type of construction in accordance with NFPA 220-2012 and assess the condition of fireproofing materials.

### Survey items include:

- Corridor Walls & Ceilings
- Corridor Doors
- Suite Walls & Ceilings
- Suite Doors
- Dead-end Corridors
- Smoke barrier Walls
- Smoke Barrier Doors
- Shafts
- Shaft Doors & Access Panels
- Hazardous Room Identification
- Hazardous Room
- Means of Egress
- Exit Signs
- Portable Fire Extinguishers
- Smoke Detection
- Fire Suppression
- Emergency Lighting
- Kitchen Hood
- Interior finishes

**Deficiency Documentation Report:** FMS will deliver a Deficiency Documentation Report which details Life Safety Code deficiencies. This report will be delivered in two formats: Individual work orders which include the deficiency location, proposed corrective action, and photos of the deficiency; Excel spreadsheet.

