

- c) **Emergencies**—Response to disasters, and emergencies is planned and effective.
- d) **Fire safety**—Property and occupants are protected from fire and smoke.
- e) **Medical technology**—Technology is selected, maintained, and used in a manner to reduce risks.
- f) **Utility systems**—Electrical, water, and other utility systems are maintained to minimize the risks of operating failures.

Such programs are written and are up to date in that they reflect present or recent conditions within the hospital's environment. There is a process for their review and updating. When the hospital has nonhospital entities within the patient care facilities to be surveyed (such as an independently owned coffee shop or gift shop), the hospital has an obligation to ensure that these independent entities comply with the facility management and safety programs.

To ensure these plans are properly disseminated to hospital newly hired staff an orientation program should be established covering all aspects of the program to ensure their safety and the safety of patients under their care.

To ensure that safety requirements are met with no budgetary concerns, the hospital should be able to establish a systematic approach for necessary safety expenditures (allocated budget) with necessary documentation of purchase orders.

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**FMS.2 There is a qualified individual(s) responsible for directing and coordinating the facility management and safety program.**

FMS.2.1 The hospital has a facility management and safety program director who directs and coordinates all aspects of the facility management and safety program.

FMS.2.2 The program director is qualified by education (e.g., bachelor's degree in engineering science, training, and experience in healthcare facility management and safety).

FMS.2.3 The program director is assisted by qualified staff (e.g., safety officer) as required, according to the size and complexity of the hospital services.

FMS.2.4 The program director provides ongoing consultation to all departments.

FMS.2.5 Each department has an assigned "liaison safety officer" to liaise all safety issues within the department.

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