

- Fire safety programs
- Construction and renovation

Laws, regulations, and inspections by local authorities largely determine how a facility is designed, used, and maintained. All organizations, regardless of size and resources, must comply with these requirements as part of their responsibilities to their patients, families, staff, and visitors.

Organizations are required to comply with laws and regulations, including building and fire codes. They are knowledgeable about the details of the physical facilities they occupy by performing regular facility inspections. They proactively gather data and carry out strategies to reduce risks and to enhance the patient care environment.

## Standards

The following is a list of all standards for this function. They are presented here for your convenience without their intent statements or measurable elements. For more information about these standards, please see the next section in this chapter, Standards, Intents, and Measurable Elements.

### Leadership and Planning

**FMS.01.00** The hospital complies with relevant laws, regulations, building and fire safety codes, and facility inspection requirements.

**FMS.01.01** A qualified individual(s) oversees the facility management and safety structure.

### Risk Assessment and Monitoring

**FMS.02.00** The hospital develops and documents a risk assessment based on facility management and safety risks identified throughout the organization, prioritizes the risks, establishes goals, and implements improvements to reduce and eliminate risks.

### Safety

**FMS.03.00** The hospital implements a program to provide a safe physical facility.

### Security

**FMS.04.00** The hospital implements a program to provide a secure environment for patients, families, staff, and visitors.

### Hazardous Materials and Waste

**FMS.05.00** The hospital implements a program for the management of hazardous materials and waste.

### Fire Safety

**FMS.06.00** The hospital establishes and implements a program for fire safety that complies with national and local codes, laws, and regulations.

**FMS.06.01** The hospital maintains fire safety equipment and fire safety building features.

**FMS.06.02** All fire safety equipment and systems, including devices related to early detection, alarm notification, and suppression, are inspected, evaluated, and maintained.

**FMS.06.03** The hospital conducts regular exercises with staff to evaluate the fire safety program.

**FMS.06.04** The fire safety program includes limiting smoking by staff and patients to designated non-patient care areas of the facility.

**Medical Equipment**

- FMS.07.00** The hospital develops and implements a program for the management of medical equipment throughout the organization.
- FMS.07.01** The hospital has a process for monitoring and acting on medical equipment hazard notices, recalls, reportable incidents, problems, and failures.

**Utility Systems**

- FMS.08.00** The hospital implements a program for the management of utility systems throughout the organization.
- FMS.08.01** The hospital utility systems program ensures that essential utilities, including power, water, and medical gases, are always available, and alternative sources for essential utilities are tested and evaluated.
- FMS.08.02** Designated individuals or authorities monitor water quality regularly.
- FMS.08.03** Quality of water used in hemodialysis is tested and evaluated for chemical, bacterial, and endotoxin contaminants, and processes for hemodialysis services follow professional standards for water quality and for infection prevention and control.
- FMS.08.04** The hospital reduces the risk of infection in the facility through the use of mechanical and engineering controls.

**Emergency and Disaster Management**

- FMS.09.00** The hospital develops, maintains, and evaluates an emergency management program to respond to internal and external emergencies and disasters that have the potential of occurring within the hospital and community.
- FMS.09.01** The hospital implements and evaluates an emergency management program to respond to the presentation of global communicable diseases.

**Construction and Renovation**

- FMS.10.00** When planning for construction, renovation, and demolition projects, or maintenance activities that affect patient care, the organization conducts a preconstruction risk assessment.

**Standards, Intent, and Measurable Elements*****Leadership and Planning*****Standard FMS.01.00**

The hospital complies with relevant laws, regulations, building and fire safety codes, and facility inspection requirements.

**Intent of FMS.01.00**

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Requirements may differ depending on when the facility is built and approved. For example, many building construction codes and fire safety codes, such as for sprinkler systems, apply only to new construction. Hospitals begin by complying with laws and regulations.