

Standard Intent:

To ensure safe evacuation during emergencies, hospitals must maintain the integrity of its fire exits (including exit routes, exit doors, exit stairs and landing to a safe outside public area) through the following:

1. Fire exits are available and are properly located in the hospital.
2. Fire exits are not locked.
3. Fire exits are not obstructed.
4. Fire exits have panic hardware.
5. Fire exits are fire resistant.
6. Fire exits are clearly marked with illuminated exit sign.

FMS.24 The hospital and its occupants are safe from fire and smoke.

FMS.24.1 The hospital implements a strict “No Smoking” policy.

FMS.24.2 There are no obstructions to exits, fire extinguishers, fire alarm boxes, emergency blankets, safety showers, and eye wash stations.

FMS.24.3 Emergency lighting is adequate for safe evacuation of the hospital.

FMS.24.4 Storage areas are properly and safely organized:

FMS.24.4.1 Shelves and racks are sturdy and in good condition.

FMS.24.4.2 No items stored directly on the floor (a minimum of ten centimeters is left to manage spills).

FMS.24.4.3 Items should be stacked on a flat base.

FMS.24.4.4 Heavier objects are close to the floor and lighter/smaller objects are higher.

FMS.24.4.5 Items are not stacked so high to block sprinklers or come in contact with overhead lights or pipes (a minimum distance of fifty centimeters from ceiling level).

FMS.24.5 Fire rated doors are available according to the hospital zones with no separation between walls and ceiling to prevent smoke spread between rooms and areas.

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