

Hospital Name

Policy / procedure # and name: INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES SC084

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Director, Plant Operations

Purpose: When requirements for fire protection, environment and grounds safety are affected by construction, Name of Hospital institutes and documents Interim Life Safety Measures to temporarily compensate for the hazard posed by existing life safety deficiencies.

Responsibility: **Director, Plant Operations**

Procedure / Policy: Plant Operations Department, in conjunction with Security will evaluate all construction projects, whether performed by in-house crews or external contractors for potential life safety deficiencies and mitigate deficiencies by one or more of the following Interim Life Safety Measures. In addition, if life safety deficiencies are found during routine inspections of the facility, appropriate ILSM's will be put into place until the deficiency is repaired. The attached matrix will be utilized to assist in applying ILSM's

A. Ensuring exits provide free and unobstructed egress. Personnel shall receive training if alternate exits must be designated.

B. Ensuring free and unobstructed access to emergency departments/services and emergency forces.

C. Ensuring fire alarm, detection, and suppression systems are not impaired. A temporary, but equivalent, system shall be provided when any fire alarm system is impaired. Temporary systems must be tested and inspected monthly. If the fire alarm system and/or the fire suppression (sprinkler) systems are taken out of service or impaired for a period greater than 4 hours in any 24 hour period, the local fire department must be notified and a fire watch provided.

D. Ensuring temporary construction partitions are smoke tight and built of non-combustible materials.

E. Providing additional fire fighting equipment and training for personnel

F. Enforcing a strict no-smoking policy in all construction areas, consistent with the hospital smoke free policy.

G. Developing and enforcing storage, housekeeping and debris removal policies and procedures that reduce the flammable and combustible fire load to the lowest level necessary for daily operations.

H. Conducting at least two fire drills per shift per quarter

I. Increasing hazard surveillance of buildings, grounds, and equipment with special attention to excavations, construction areas, construction storage, and field offices.

J. Training personnel when structural and compartment features of the fire safety are compromised.

K. Conducting organization wide safety education programs to ensure awareness of any Life Safety Code deficiencies, construction hazards, and these interim life safety measures.

L. The Director of Plant Operations will facilitate compliance with ILSM using the Name of Hospital ILSM checklist. When conditions of ILSM are not met, the Director of Plant Operations will schedule a survey / meeting with the agencies involved formalizing and documenting a plan of action to correct the deficiencies. All ILSM deficiencies shall be resolved as soon as possible and monitored daily until completed.

M. The completed ILSM check list will provide appropriate documentation of compliance by the hospital for ILSM. The Director of Plant Operations will ensure completion of ILSM deficiencies and provide dates of completion on the checklist. The Director of Plant Operations should maintain a copy of all completed checklists.

The Plant Operations Department will ensure that the above interim measures are continued and documented so that the level of life safety is not diminished in any occupied area. In addition, Plant Operations and security will ensure that a safe environment and grounds are maintained throughout construction or and/or alterations to buildings and/or grounds.

Plant Operations and Security will conduct daily inspections on all major construction areas where life safety deficiencies may exist. These inspections are documented and maintained by the Director of Plant Operations. Deficiencies will be corrected immediately by removing the deficiency or applying one or more of the above ILSM's.

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