

Emergency Preparedness Q&A

Question: What types of facilities will the OSFM be surveying for the EP Ruling?

Answer: The OSFM will be inspecting Long Term Care and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities.

Question: When will the effective date of this ruling begin?

Answer: The effective date of this ruling will begin November 15, 2017.

Question: Can tags have waivers or FSES (Fire Safety Evaluation System) be accepted?

Answer: No, there can be no waivers or FSES can be performed

Question: Are we required to know what medications staff are taking so it can be provided under requirement 0015?

Answer: Facilities must be able to provide for adequate subsistence for all patients and staff for the duration of an emergency or until all its patients have been evacuated and its operations ceased.

Question: For the full-scale exercise under 0039, do residents have to be evacuated during the drill?

Answer: The requirement does not say specifically that they do.

Question: How much fuel needs to be on hand for an emergency generator during an emergency situation?

Answer: NFPA 110 does require facilities considering seismic events to maintain a minimum 96 hour fuel supply.

Question: When will these Emergency Preparedness Inspections be conducted?

Answer: They will be conducted during the annual Life Safety Code inspection.

Question: If a hospice does not have its own building, are they required to follow the Emergency Preparedness Guidelines?

Answer: It depends on if the joining facility has a 2-hour fire wall separation between the two occupancy types. If so, then the additional occupancy would not be required to follow the EP Rule. If the fire wall is not in place, then the facility would have to follow the EP Rule.

Question: What are you to do if your facility has multiple provider types in the same building but varying requirements?

Answer: The facility can have an overarching Emergency Preparedness Plan but the plan must be very specific in each provider type addressing each requirement separately.

Question: Who do I contact if I have further questions regard the OSFM surveys for Emergency Preparedness?

Answer: You can contact Joel Beckner, the Education Consultant for the OSFM, via email at joel.c.beckner@ks.gov or by phone at 785-296-0659.