

Standard EC.02.03.01

The hospital manages fire risks.

Elements of Performance for EC.02.03.01

1. The hospital minimizes the potential for harm from fire, smoke, and other products of combustion.
2. If patients are permitted to smoke, the hospital takes measures to minimize fire risk. (See *also* EC.02.01.03, EP 4)
4. The hospital maintains free and unobstructed access to all exits.

Note: *This requirement applies to all buildings classified as business occupancy. The “Life Safety” (LS) chapter addresses the requirements for all other occupancy types.*

9. The hospital has a written fire response plan. (See *also* LS.02.01.70, EP 4)
10. The written fire response plan describes the specific roles of staff and licensed independent practitioners at and away from a fire’s point of origin, including when and how to sound fire alarms, how to contain smoke and fire, how to use a fire extinguisher, and how to evacuate to areas of refuge. (See *also* EC.02.03.03, EP 5; EC.03.01.01, EP 2; and HR.01.04.01, EP 2)

Note: *For additional guidance, see NFPA 101, 2000 edition (Sections 18/19.7.1 and 18/19.7.2)*