

# The Joint Commission Survey Topics

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# 2017 JC Top Findings

- Life Safety Drawings
  - Accuracy of drawings
  - Information provided on drawings
- Inventories
  - Each EP under ECo2.03.05 will be scored individually
  - Comparison of inventories from previous inspection

# 2017 JC Top Findings

- Medical Gases
  - Separation of full and empty
  - No plastic packing materials wrapped around tank
  - Master valves labeled, including source location
  - Compartment loading
  - Outside storage covered, tanks off ground, properly secured

# 2017 JC Top Findings

- Fire Systems
  - Cables/wirings/ductwork on sprinkler pipe and/or attached to support
  - Dirty sprinkler heads
  - Same temperature sprinkler heads in space
  - 5 year obstruction inspection
  - Minimum of “6” spare sprinklers in the spare sprinkler box

# 2017 JC Top Findings

- Fire/Smoke Compartments
  - Penetrations
  - Wall labeling compared to Life Safety drawings
- HVAC
  - Damper Inspections
    - Time frames between inspections
    - Deficiencies
- Storage/Clutter
  - What is allowed in the corridor
  - Blocked med gas valves/fire pull stations/electrical panels

# 2017 JC Top Findings

- Fire Drills
  - Established/Completed Matrix (JC format)
    - Fire drills are held at “unexpected times and under varying conditions”
    - Minimum 1 hr. between times completed.
    - No pattern
  - Shift time separation
  - Quarterly separation
  - ILSM drills
  - ASC drills
  - Business occupancy drills
    - Evacuation

# 2017 JC Top Findings

- Relocatable Power Taps (RPT's)
  - The receptacles are permanently attached to the equipment assembly.
  - The sum of the ampacity of all appliances connected to the outlets does not exceed 75 percent of the ampacity of the flexible cord supplying the outlets.
  - The ampacity of the flexible cord is in accordance with NFPA 70
    - Cannot daisy-chain power taps
  - The electrical and mechanical integrity of the assembly is regularly verified and documented
    - Surveyors are asking if units are being tested as an assembly
  - Additional devices or nonmedical equipment cannot be connected to the multiple outlet extension cord after leakage currents have been verified as safe

# 2017 JC Top Findings

- Generators
  - Sealed vs. non sealed batteries– eyewash stations
  - Generator Log shall shows 30% of nameplate rating
- Electrical Panels
  - Fire Panel label in “RED”
  - Completed breaker index
  - Spares in the off position
  - 36” clear space around electrical boxes



# 2017 JC Top Findings

EC.02.06.01 – Cited 66% of the time in 2016

- Maintain a safe, functional environment.
  - Ventilation, Temperature, Humidity

EC.02.05.01 – Cited 56% of the time in 2016

- Manage risk associated with Utility Systems
  - Supply, Exhaust, Filtration, Air Exchanges
    - Soiled Utility (negative), Clean Utility (positive), Endo Scope cleaning (negative), Endo Scope storage (positive), OR's (positive)

# JC Hot Topic

- CMS' Emergency Management Plan requirements
- Fire Door Inspections (CMS S&C 17-38-LSC)
  - Annual
  - Qualified Person (Does not mean “Certified”)
  - Does not require corridor doors to patient rooms or non-rated smoke doors.
  - Compliance date moved to 1/1/2018
- CMS' new Legionellosis Water Management Plan requirements – ASHREA 188
- Smoke Compartment increased from 22,500 sq. ft. to 40,000 sq. ft. in NFPA 101-2018
- Clean Agent Fire Extinguishers required in OR's.

# Proposed Changes

- *EC.02.04.03 EP 14 (K921, K924)*
  - The organization has a library of
    - Service manuals
    - Instructions manuals
    - Procedures provided by manufacturer's, maintenance manuals
    - Technical bulletins
    - Specification information and other information for the inspection, testing and maintenance of equipment and systems

# QUESTIONS?

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