

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
PLAN

SUBJECT: **INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES**

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RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW: CSH Safety Director

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1. ACTIVATION

1.1 Interim life safety measures shall be implemented whenever the level of life safety is significantly diminished due to construction, renovation, or other significant hazardous conditions, as determined by the Safety Director through the CSH Environment of Care Team. Interim Life Safety Measures (ILSM) are a series of eleven administrative actions required to be taken to compensate for significant hazards posed by existing NFPA 101 Life Safety Code (LSC) deficiencies or construction activities.

1.2 Implementation of ILSM is required in or adjacent to all construction areas and throughout buildings with significant Life Safety Code deficiencies. These measures apply to all personnel, including construction workers, and must be implemented upon project development, and be continuously enforced through project completion.

1.3 Interim Life Safety Measures are intended to provide a comparable level of life safety as described in the 2000 Life Safety Code, chapters 1 through 7, chapter 31, and the applicable occupancy chapters. Any deviation from the required actions of Interim Life Safety Measures must be approved by the Safety Director, through the CSH Environment of Care Team.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

2.1 Implementation of Interim Life Safety Measures shall be the primary responsibility of the Safety Director. Coordination will be provided by the Safety Director,

Staff Development and Training, and the appropriate contractors. The Safety Director shall have oversight responsibilities regarding safety issues pertaining to all projects. The Chief Engineer shall be responsible for notifying the Safety Director when ILSM must be implemented due to LSC deficiencies or construction activities.

- 2.2 The Safety Director and the Service Areas Environment of Care Committees, upon notification that ILSM implementation is required, shall develop a plan based on the eleven action steps of ILSM. The CSH Environment of Care Team shall provide assistance in the development of the plan through the Safety Director and Staff Development and Training, and others, as appropriate. The plan shall be reviewed for approval by the CSH Safety Director.
- 2.3 The Hospital Safety Director shall have approval authority over each implementation of ILSM, and shall monitor the effectiveness of the plan through reports from the Service Areas EOC Committee, and others, as appropriate. The Safety Committee shall notify the Leadership Team and others, as required, of each implementation through normal reporting channels, and shall provide periodic updates as necessary.

3. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

ILSM consists of the following actions:

- 3.1 Ensure that exits provide free and unobstructed egress. Personnel shall receive training if alternative exits must be designated. Building/areas under construction must maintain escape facilities for construction workers at all times. Means of egress in construction areas shall be inspected daily.
- 3.2 Ensure free and unobstructed access to emergency departments/services and for emergency personnel.
- 3.3 Ensure fire alarm, detection, and suppression systems are not impaired. A temporary, but equivalent, system shall be put in place, inspected and tested monthly.

- 3.4 Ensure that temporary construction partitions are smoke tight and built of noncombustible or limited combustible materials that will not contribute to the development or spread of fire.
- 3.5 Provide additional fire fighting equipment and training in the use of this equipment for appropriate personnel.
- 3.6 Prohibiting smoking in accordance with appropriate regulations in or adjacent to all construction areas.
- 3.7 Developing and enforcing storage, housekeeping, and debris removal practices that reduce the flammable and combustible fire load of the building to the lowest level necessary for daily operations.
- 3.8 Conducting a minimum of two fire drills per shift per quarter.
- 3.9 Increasing hazard surveillance of buildings, grounds, and equipment with special attention to excavations, construction areas, construction storage, and field offices.
- 3.10 Training of personnel when structural or compartmental features of fire safety are compromised.
- 3.11 Conducting organization-wide safety education programs to ensure awareness of any significant Life Safety Code deficiencies, construction hazards, and these Interim Life Safety Measures.

Approved:

This plan was approved by the CMO and CEO in April 2008.