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# SAFETY STEPS IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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## AGENDA

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# Why is Construction Safety Important?



## Safety Issues during construction can lead to:

- Patient Safety Risks
- Contingent Accreditation  
(One step above a denial!)
- CMS Inspection
- OSHA Investigation
- Uncorrected LSC deficiencies may be found much later & still require correction by owner

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# **GOAL During Construction:**

**“Keep People Safe”**

Comply  
With



- NFPA 241
- Joint Commission
- OSHA
- AHJ Inspections

# **GOAL During Construction:**

**“Keep People Safe”**

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- All Phases of Work

# **GOAL During Construction:**

**“Keep People Safe”**



- Patients, Healthcare staff
- Contractors
- Public



# **GOAL During Construction:**

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- Physical Harm
- Infections/Disease

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# Contractor Phasing

Before the Contractor even gets the job, he's figuring out the sequence of work

so he can have the competitive edge by getting the job done faster...

because

**Faster means Money**

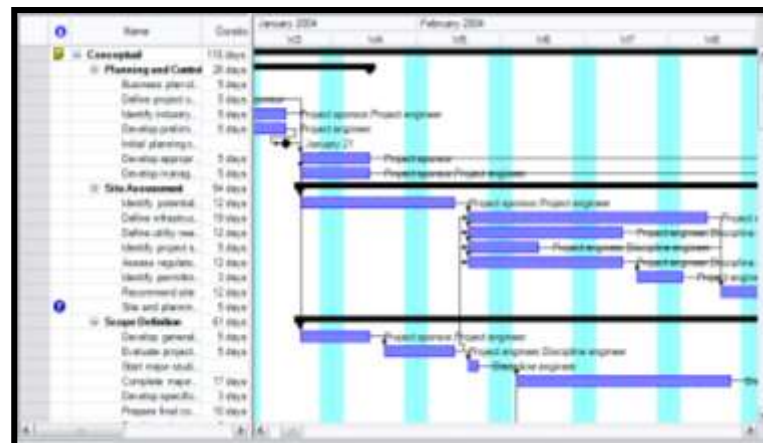


## Phasing Goals

The goal of Contractor Work Phasing process is to accomplish work as efficiently as possible to maximize contractor profit

The phases of work are largely determined by the

1. Sequence of contractor work &
2. Access to facility space to work



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### HOWEVER

In an occupied health care occupancy  
the work schedule

### MUST

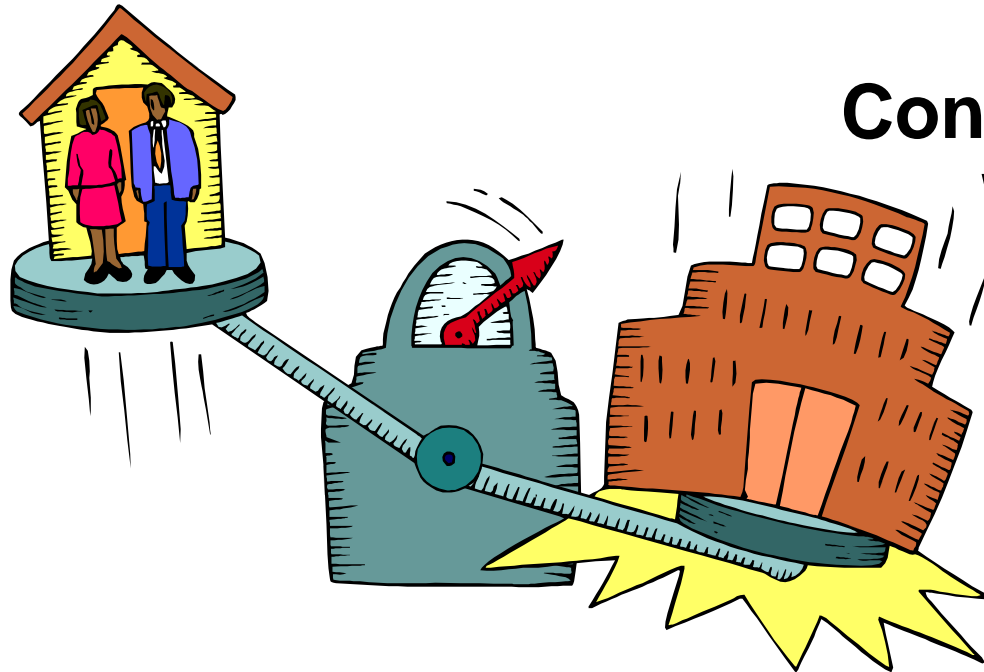
**Consider the health & welfare of  
patients, staff & the public**

## Consider the Occupants

The critical path of the contractor **MUST** be amended to consider the

- **Operational needs** of the facility and
- **Safety** of the occupants

**Caregiver  
Work &  
Patient  
Safety**



**Construction  
Work**

# When May Work Need to be Phased?

**IF....**

1. Construction will take place in any occupied space (need to relocate function, unless totally shut-down)
2. Construction will take place adjacent to high risk areas (need to consider dust, noise, vibration)
3. Requested by any dept manager or infection prevention
4. Construction will impact any exit from an occupied area or access to ER (need ILSM & potential phasing to work-around)
5. AHJ PR letter requests a phasing plan

## Phasing is Determined by a TEAM

- 
- Facility Construction Manager
  - Facility Safety/Security
  - Facility Environmental Service
  - Facility Infection Control
  - Facility Mgr in Depts above/below/adjacent to work
  - General Contractor
  - Architect

The evaluation team must anticipate if there is an infringement during any phase of the project on:

- **Any operational need,**
- **Any life safety code, or**
- **Any infection control principle**



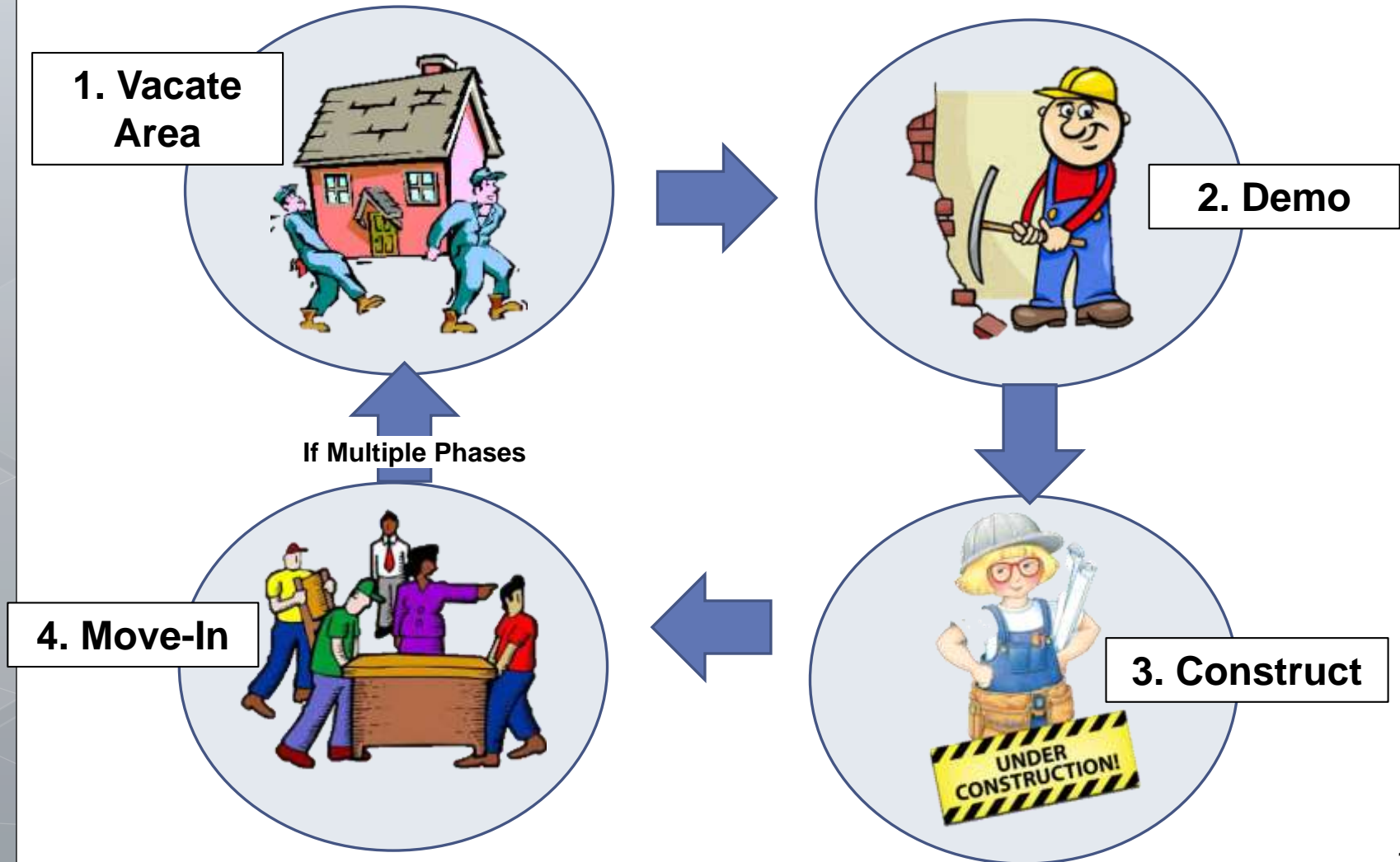
## When Should Phasing be Planned?

Option A – Prior to Bidding (with the Arch)

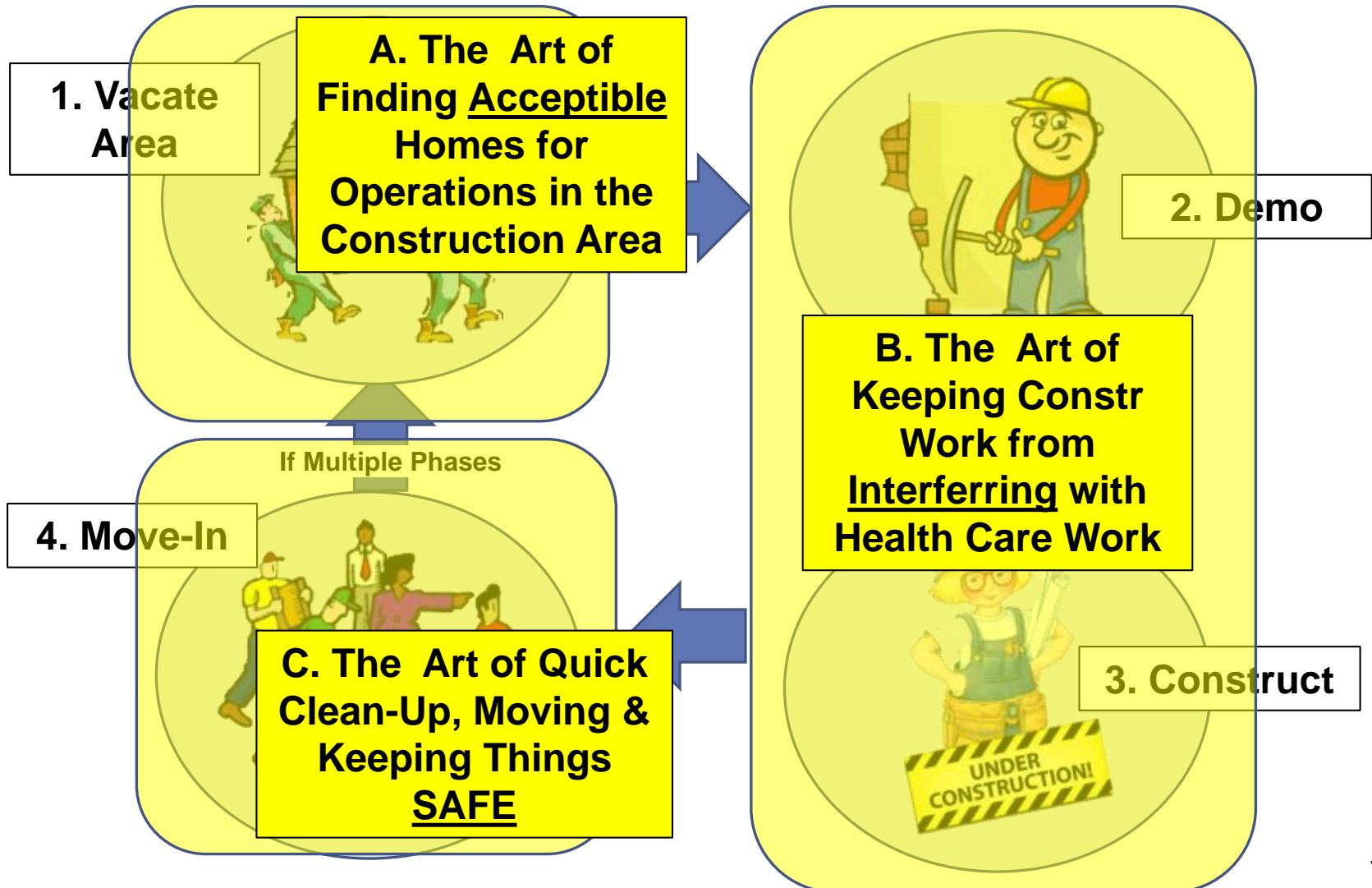
Option B – Pre-Construction Mtg (with the GC)

Option C – Never (let the GC “wing-it”)

## Phasing affects the Construction Cycle



## Phase Planning is ...



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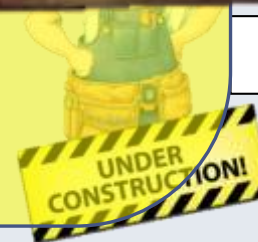


Like Playing a  
CHESS match ...  
It takes a lot of  
anticipation !

**2. Demo**



**3. Construct**

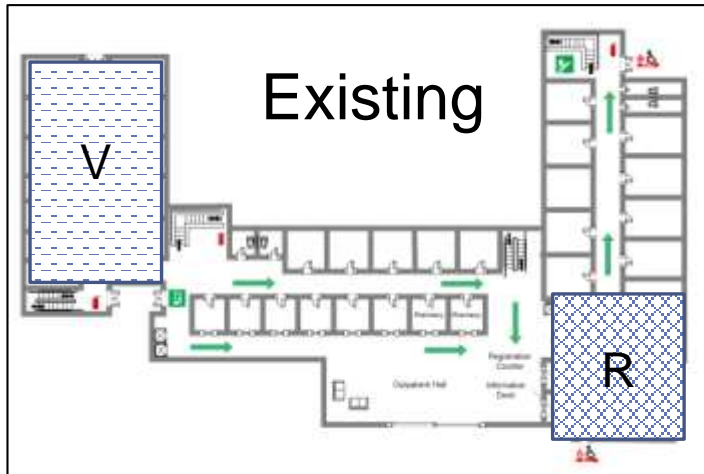


**4. Move-In**



## How to: Phase Planning

1. START with your existing plans



2. LAY the new plans next to them



3. Look at what can be vacated & what is being relocated

4. Factor-in temp relocations

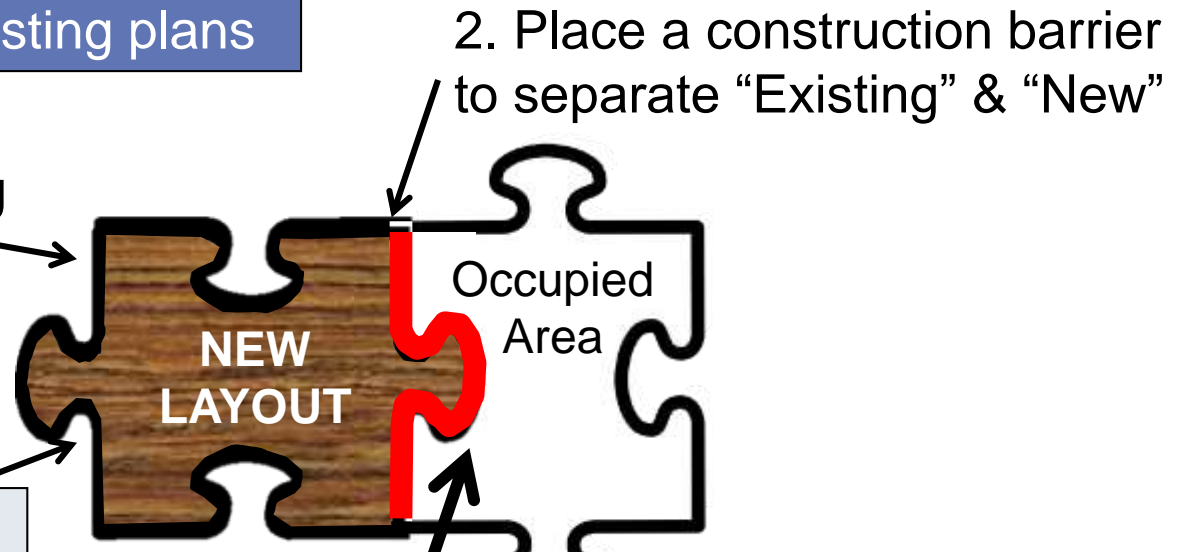
5. Figure out a sequence

## How to: Phase Planning

### START with your existing plans

1. Imagine the vacated space being replaced with the new layout

Hint: In each phase, place a “cutout” of the new layout over the existing space that is vacated ... (reflects bldg layout at end of the phase)



3. Eval the **IMPACT** of the constr work on the occupied areas

- Dept Operations
- Life safety
- Infection
- Contractor Operations
- Noise
- Vibration
- Dust

4. Adjust Phasing Plan as Needed

## How to: Phase Planning

Can become complicated with major remodeling (multiple phases)

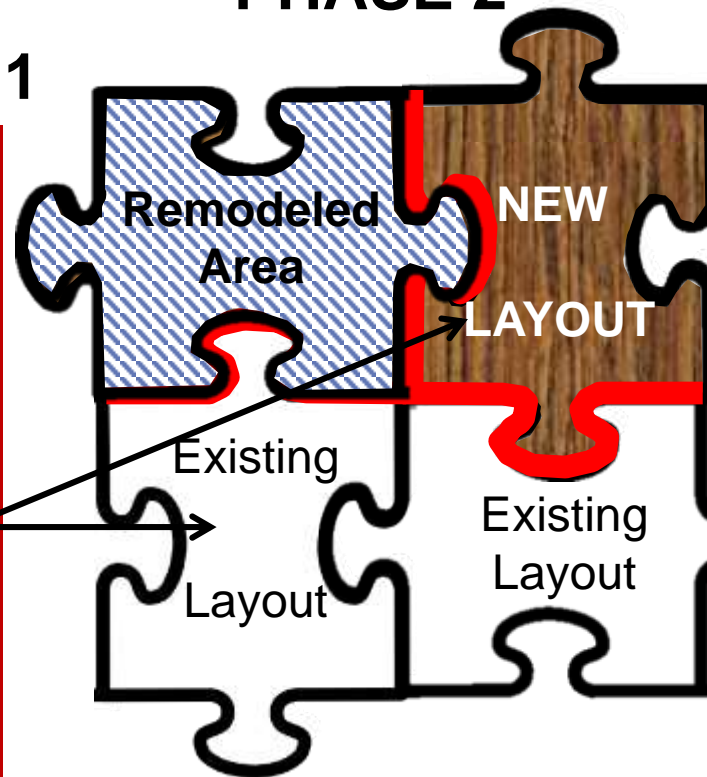
### PHASE 1

3. Eval the impact of the constr work on the MULTIPLE existing areas

- Dept Operations
- Life safety
- Infection
- Contractor Operations

Adjust Phasing Work as Needed

### PHASE 2



Eval the impact of the constr work on the MULTIPLE existing & new areas

- Dept Operations
- Life safety
- Infection
- Contractor Operations

Adjust Phasing Work as Needed

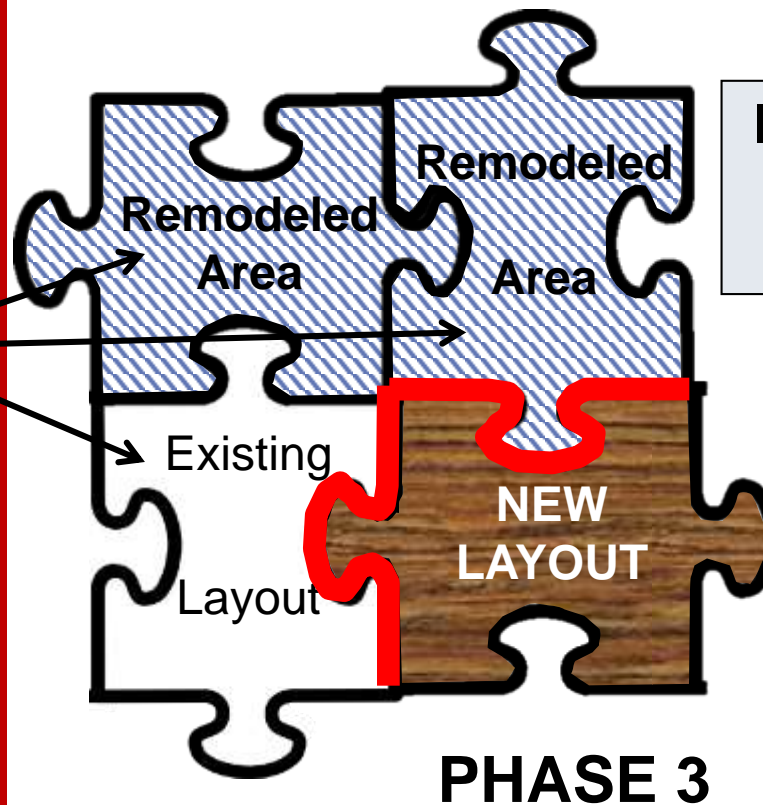
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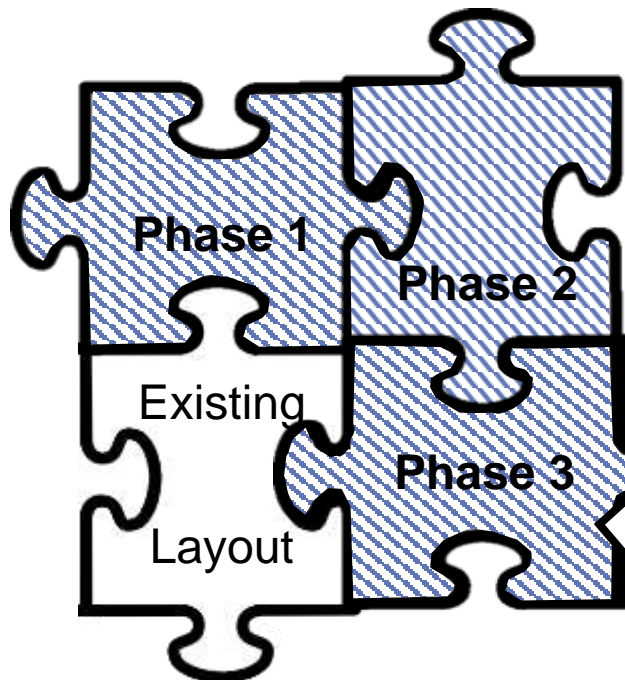
It's a CHESS match,  
Think 10 moves  
ahead!





## Phasing Goals

A goal of the Work Phasing process is to  
Implement safeguards to  
minimize the disruption and hazards to occupants



This Each Phase must  
be evaluated  
separately for  
Safety issues

In this example: 3 sets  
of Risk Assessments  
& ILSM



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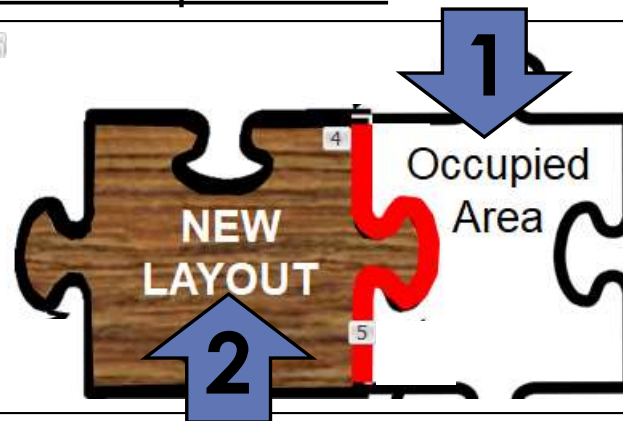


# LIFE SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT

## STEPS

### 1. Evaluate life safety risks

- OUTside Site In the Occupied Area &
- Develop ILSM for each life safety risk



### 2. Evaluate life safety risks

- INside the Constr Site &
- Develop ILSM for each life safety risk

## Typical Deficiencies

### EGRESS RESTRICTION

- Stairwell use
- Corridor width
- Exit Discharge
- Lack of 2 remote exits

### RATED WALLS

- Opening in floor
- Wall penetration

### INFECTION PREVENTION

- Dust/mold transmit to adjacent sensitive areas

### PROTECTION OUTAGE

- Fire alarm impairment
- Sprinkler impairment

### NEARBY HEALTH AREAS

- Restrict access to ER
- Nearby radiographic work



## Step 1

Evaluate Life Safety Issues **OUT-SIDE** the project limits

**ANTICIPATE** – consider what might be adversely affected by construction work

Primarily Aimed at  
**Occupant Safety**

Methodically, generate an **ILSM** for each hazard or deficiency

## Step 2

Evaluate Life Safety Issues **IN-SIDE** the project limits

**ANTICIPATE** – consider what might be adversely affected by construction work

Aimed at both  
**Contractor & Occupant Safety**

### Typical Deficiencies

#### INFECTION PREVENTION

- Dust/mold generation
- Dust/mold transmit to adjacent sensitive areas

#### SITE EGRESS


- Obstructions
- No exit signage
- Dim lighting

#### COMBUSTIBLES

- Construction debris
- Flammable liquids

#### HOT WORK

- Weak welding protections
- Lack of fire watch



Methodically, generate an **ILSM** for each hazard or deficiency

# Example Form for LS Assessment

## LIFE SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT and ILSM EVALUATION

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Examples of Life Safety Issues	Potential ILSM* to Take (circle those to implement)	Potential ILSM* to Take (circle those to implement)
CONSTRUCTION ISSUES	ILSM* IN ALL AREAS	ILSM* in PATIENT CARE AREAS
Any	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Perform written Life Safety Risk Assessment (LSRA) for air quality, infection control, utility requirements, noise, vibration, and other hazards that affect care, treatment, and services (TJC: EC.02.06.05-EP 2)</li> <li>2. Actions taken per LSRA (TJC: EC.02.06.05-EP 3)</li> <li>3. Temporary partitions separate constr from occup areas. Made smoke tight &amp; made of mtlis that wil not contribute to spread of fire (TJC: LS.01.02.01-EP 7)</li> <li>4. Inspect egress paths daily</li> <li>5. Inform property &amp; liability insurance carrier of scope of construction project</li> <li>6. Contractor Training on Facility Safety &amp; Work Expectations</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Perform written Infection Control Risk Assesment</li> <li>2. Implement storage and debris removal practices that reduce the flammable and combustible fire load</li> <li>3. Conduct one additional fire drill per shift per quarter in affected area (TJC: LS.01.02.01-EP 11)</li> <li>4. On each shift haz surveillance of project area when no workers (TJC: LS.01.02.01-EP 8)</li> <li>5. Daily inspect of unoccupied areas located above or adjacent to project area (TJC: LS.01.02.01-EP 8)</li> <li>6. Increase surveillance of buildings &amp; equipment with special attention to construction areas, storage, and FD Access (TJC: LS.01.02.01-EP 8)</li> <li>7. Train staff on constr hazards (LS.01.02.01-EP 13)</li> </ol>
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LIGHTING a. Lights out in egress path	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide additional battery lights</li> </ol>	(follow base ILSM)

Typical  
Risks

AFTER each Risk Assessment Step:

**Generate** a means ....

To:

- Eliminate the Life Safety Issue, or
- Provide Alternative Safeguards

Common sense solutions that provides adequate safe guards against the deficiencies, considering the

- actual hazard to occupants and
- the duration of deficiency

**These are Interim Life Safety Measures**

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# Interim Life Safety Measures

**Methods to  
manage  
Fire Risks**



# DIFFERENCES between TJC & CMS On construction



**ILSM**





Facility should have a  
**CONSTRUCTION  
SAFETY POLICY**  
(call it a “Construction Fire  
Safety Program”)

## NFPA 241

Standard for Safeguarding  
Construction, Alteration, and  
Demolition Operations

Contains the **LEGAL** requirements for construction

### Chapter 7 Fire Protection

**7.1 Fire Safety Program.** An overall construction or demolition fire safety program shall be developed. Essential items to be emphasized include the following:

- (1) Good housekeeping
- (2) On-site security
- (3) Installation of new fire protection systems as construction progresses
- (4) Preservation of existing systems during demolition
- (5) Organization and training of an on-site fire brigade
- (6) Development of a prefire plan with the local fire department
- (7) Rapid communication
- (8) Consideration of special hazards resulting from previous occupancies
- (9) Protection of existing structures and equipment from exposure fires resulting from construction, alteration, and demolition operations





## NFPA 241

### Standard for Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations

#### 8.6.2 Temporary Separation Walls.

8.6.2.1 Protection shall be provided to separate an occupied portion of the structure from a portion of the structure undergoing alteration, construction, or demolition operations when such operations are considered as having a higher level of hazard than the occupied portion of the building.

8.6.2.2 Walls shall have at least a 1-hour fire resistance rating.

8.6.2.3 Opening protectives shall have at least a 45-minute fire protection rating.

8.6.2.4\* Nonrated walls and opening protectives shall be permitted when an approved automatic sprinkler system is installed.

At AHJ's discretion →

i.e., get sprinklers operational ASAP →

#### 8.7.3 Sprinkler Protection.

8.7.3.1\* If automatic sprinkler protection is to be provided, the installation shall be placed in service as soon as practicable.



NO waste  
Accumulation →

NO Storage  
Without Sprinklers →

## NFPA 241

### Standard for Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations

#### 5.4 Waste Disposal.

5.4.1\* Accumulations of combustible waste material, dust, and debris shall be removed from the structure and its immediate vicinity at the end of each work shift or more frequently as necessary for safe operations.

#### 8.3 Construction Material and Equipment Storage.

8.3.1 Temporary storage of equipment to be installed, combustible construction materials, or combustible packing materials shall not be permitted in unprotected structures under construction or alteration unless authorized by the authority having jurisdiction.

8.3.2\* Storage shall not be permitted in protected structures until protection is in service.



Another  
Code !→

“Dedicated” →

## NFPA 241

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Demolition Operations

### 5.1 Hot Work.

5.1.1\* Responsibility for hot work operations and fire prevention precautions, including permits and fire watches, shall be in accordance with **NFPA 51B**, *Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work*, except as modified in Chapter 9.

### 5.1.3 Fire Watch.

5.1.3.1 **Fire watches shall be assigned no other duties.**

5.1.3.2 A fire watch shall be posted for the duration of the work and for 60 minutes thereafter for torch-applied roofing operations (see 9.3.9).

+ Many more  
Requirements

Now, let's look at the way The Joint Commission handles ILSM





### TJC: Interim Life Safety Measures

- **Started in 1990's** (along with PFIs)
- **Few changes** (but grew from 11 to 15)
- **Contained in LS.01.02.01**
- **NOT adopted by CMS/DHS**

Caution: TJC  
frequently  
changes  
LS/EP #

### **Interim Life Safety Measures: used when the LSC is not technically met**

**COMPENSATED PROTECTION**: basic principles of the Life Safety Code met via alternative means:

- staff knowledge,
- training, and
- alternative systems

(Essentially, a temporary “variance”)





## When do you need an “ILSM” ?

Whenever a defined component of the Life Safety Code is not met as the result of:

1. Identified deficiencies
2. Unplanned incidents
3. Construction/renovation activities
4. Maintenance activities – Certain PM's

### **CMS PRESPECTIVE:**

- Must Fix Deficiency ASAP
- So, Little Need for ILSM
- CMS approves variances

**Joint Commission's Interim Life Safety Measures**

- EP 1 ILSM policy identifying when and to what extent ILSM implemented
- EP 2 Alarms impaired ≥4 hrs in 24 hrs, or sprinklers impaired ≥ 10 hrs in 24 hrs in an occupied building – Fire Watch/Fire Dept notification
- EP 3 Signs for alternative exits posted
- EP 4 Daily inspection of egress routes
- EP 5 Temporary, but equivalent sys while sys is impaired
- EP 6 Additional firefighting equipment provided
- EP 7 Smoke tight non-combustible temporary barriers
- EP 8 Increased surveillance implemented
- EP 9 Storage and debris removal
- EP 10 Additional training on firefighting equipment
- EP 11 Additional fire drill per shift per quarter
- EP 12 Temp sys tested and inspected monthly
- EP 13 Train on deficiencies, construction hazards, temp measures
- EP 14 Train on impaired structural or impaired fire safety features
- EP 15 Other ILSM's

All are NOT needed  
on every project



## ILSMs Required for All Projects

- EP 1 ILSM policy identifying when and to what extent ILSM implemented
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## Optional for SELECTIVE Deficiencies

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## Optional for SELECTIVE Deficiencies

- EP 1 ILSM policy identifying when and to what extent ILSM implemented
- EP 2 Alarms impaired  $\geq 4$  hrs in 24 hrs, or smoke detectors impaired  $\geq 10$  hrs in 24 hrs in an occupied building; fire alarm system Dept notification
- EP 3 Signs for alternative exits
- EP 4 Daily inspection of fire safety features
- EP 5 Temporary fire safety measures
- EP 6 Additional fire safety measures
- EP 7 Smoke tightness
- EP 8 Increased fire safety measures
- EP 9 Storage and handling of flammable liquids
- EP 10 Additional training on firefighting equipment
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**EP 1 requires a  
facility policy  
to define when these  
ILSM are used**



# Example #1: ILSM Evaluation Tool

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## Example #1

## Interim Life Safety

### ILSMs Required for ALL Deficiencies

Risk Assessment Issue:

ILSM Options to Consider

#### ALL Deficiencies & Construction Projects

1. Perform written Life Safety Risk Assessment for fire safety elements and take all actions required by the LSRA
2. Inspect egress paths daily
3. Inform property & liability insurance carriers of the scope of project
4. Contractor Training on facility safety and work expectations.
5. Implement storage and debris removal practices that reduce the flammable and combustible fire load.
6. Train staff on construction hazardous.



### Optional ILSMs to Consider for SELECTIVE Deficiencies

#### Risk Assessment Issue:

##### EGRESS RESTRICTION

- Stairwell use
- Corridor width
- Exit Discharge
- Lack of 2 remote exits
- Dim Lighting

##### RATE WALLS

- Wall missing
- Wall penetration

#### ILSM Options to Consider

1. Provide an alternative egress path
2. Sign both the new & restricted egress path; train both staff & contractors
3. Daily Inspection of the paths
4. Keep alternative path clear at all times
5. Added battery lights

1. Temporary partitions must separate construction area from occupied areas; are smoke tight; made of materials that will not contribute to spread of fire
2. Provide an alternative enclosure

## Example #1

## Interim Life Safety

### Optional ILSMs to Consider for SELECTIVE Deficiencies

#### Risk Assessment Issue:

##### CONSTRUCTION TYPE

- Missing fire proofing
- Inappropriate Constr type

##### INFECTION PREVENTION

- Dust/mold generation
- Dust/mold transmit to adjacent sensitive areas

##### VERTICAL OPENING

- Opening in floor

##### COMBUSTIBLES

- Construction debris
- Flammable liquids

#### ILSM Options to Consider

1. Remove non-essential combustibles
2. Add smoke detectors

1. Perform an ICRA (EC.02.01.01-EP1)
2. Provide a temporary smoke-tight partitions made of non/limited combustible materials

1. Install temporary patch on opening

1. Remove nearly combustibles
2. Provide added fire extinguisher nearby

## Example #1

## Interim Life Safety

### Optional ILSMs to Consider for SELECTIVE Deficiencies

#### Risk Assessment Issue:

##### HOT WORK

- Weak welding protections
- Lack of fire watch

#### ILSM Options to Consider

1. Remove nearby combustibles
2. Provide added fire extinguisher nearby
3. Fire watch during work & 1 hr afterward
4. Surveillance rounds after work completed

##### NEARBY HEALTH AREAS

- Restrict access to ER
- Nearly radiographic work

1. Provide alternative access route
2. Signage at both alternative & old route
3. Public notification at both routes
4. Daily inspection of alternative route
5. Alternative route kept clear at all time

# Example #2: ILSM Evaluation Tool

← INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES →

Interim Life Safety Measures Assessment Tool

Project Name:		Location:		
Project Date:				
Preparer:		Date:		

Risk #	Risk Elements	Yes	No	Suggest Controls
LS-1	Will existing exits be impaired?			
	a. alternative exits be necessary?			
	b. existing corridor width be reduced?			
	c. construction area escape routes be needed?			
LS-2	Will existing fire safety systems be impaired?			
	a. existing fire alarm system be impaired?			
	b. existing fire detection system be impaired			
	c. existing sprinkler system be impaired?			
	d. temporary or equivalent systems be needed?			
LS-3	Will additional fire fighting equipment be needed?			
LS-4	Will temporary, smoke-tight construction partitions that are non-combustible or limited-combustible be needed?			
LS-5	Will increased hazard surveillance of patient buildings be needed?			
	a. hazard surveillance of buildings, grounds or equipment			
	b. special attention to excavations, construction storage or work areas.			
LS-6	Will reduction in the flammable or combustible fire load be needed?			
	a. temporary construction storage be needed			
	b. housekeeping or debris removal be needed?			
LS-7	Will additional fire response training be needed?			
LS-8	Will additional fire drills be needed?			
LS-9	Will it be needed to inspect and test temporary systems monthly and document inspection information			
LS-10	Will organizational training in LSC deficiencies, construction hazards be needed?			
LS-11	Will training to compensate for structural or compartmentation deficiencies be needed?			

Missing criteria for when to implement

# Example #3: ILSM Evaluation Tool

## Risk Assessment Matrix

Existing significant Life Safety Code Deficiencies or Conditions as a result of Construction or Maintenance

← INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES →

### Code Deficiencies

1	Lacking a code compliant smoke barrier			X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
2	Fire exit stairs discharge improperly			X	X	X									X	
3	Excessive travel distance to an approved exit			X	X	X				X	X					
4	Lack of two remote exits			X	X					X	X			X		
5	Nonconforming building construction type				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	Improperly properly protected vertical openings				X		X		X	X			X			
7	Large penetrations and fire barriers				X					X	X		X			
8	Corridor walls do not extend to the structure			X	X		X		X	X			X			
9	Hazardous areas not properly protected	X	X		X			X		X	X	X				X

### Construction Related Issues

10	Blocking off an approved exit			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	
11	Renovation on an occupied floor			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
12	Replacing the fire alarm system (out of service)	X	X		X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
13	Installing sprinkler system (out of service)	X	X		X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	Significantly modifying smoke or fire barrier walls			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
15	Hot work				X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X

### Maintenance and Testing

16	Taking a fire alarm system out of service	X	X		X		X	X		X		X		X	X	X
17	Taking a sprinkler system out of service	X	X		X		X	X		X		X		X		X
18	Disconnecting or disabling alarm devices	X	X		X		X							X	X	
19	Re-Lamping stairwells			X	X	X										
20																

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Construction : Activity Risk Precaution Level

Level of Construction Activity	Type A	Type B	Type C	Type D
Patient Risk Occupancy Group	Low	Medium	High	Highest
Inf. Control Precaution Level	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV



# Example #3

# Code Deficiencies

## Risk Assessment Matrix

Existing significant Life Safety Code Deficiencies or Conditions as a result of Construction or Maintenance

## Code Deficiencies

1	Lacking a code compliant smoke barrier			X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
2	Fire exit stairs discharge improperly			X	X	X									X	
3	Excessive travel distance to an approved exit			X	X	X				X	X					
4	Lack of two remote exits			X	X					X	X			X		
5	Nonconforming building construction type				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	Improperly properly protected vertical openings				X		X		X	X	X		X			
7	Large penetrations and fire barriers				X					X	X		X			
8	Corridor walls do not extend to the structure			X	X		X		X	X	X		X			
9	Hazardous areas not properly protected	X	X		X			X		X	X	X				X
Construction - Related Issues																
10	Blocking off an approved exit			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	
11	Renovation on an occupied floor			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
12	Replacing the fire alarm system (out of service)	X	X		X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
13	Installing sprinkler system (out of service)	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	Significantly modifying smoke or fire barrier walls			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
15	Hot work				X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Maintenance and Testing																
16	Taking a fire alarm system out of service	X	X		X		X	X		X		X		X	X	X
17	Taking a sprinkler system out of service	X	X		X		X	X		X		X		X		X
18	Disconnecting or disabling alarm devices	X	X		X		X							X	X	
19	Re-Lamping stairwells			X	X	X										
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## Example #3

# Construction Deficiencies

### Risk Assessment Matrix

Existing significant Life Safety Code Deficiencies or Conditions as a result of Construction or Maintenance

Facility notifies the fire department when a fire alarm or sprinkler system is out of service for more than four hours  
Facility initiates a fire watch when a fire alarm or sprinkler system is out of service for more than four hours  
Facility post signage identifying the location of alternate exits  
Facility has a written interim life safety measure (LSM) Plan  
Exits in affected areas are inspected on a daily basis  
Temporary but the equivalent life alarm and detection systems are installed when a fire system is impaired  
Additional firefighting equipment is provided when needed  
Temporary construction partitions are locked light and made of material that will not contribute to development or spread of fire  
Survivance of building grounds, and equipment are increased with special attention to construction areas and storage (includes FID Access)  
Facility ensures storage, housekeeping, and debris removal practices that reduce the flammable and combustible load  
Facility provides additional training on the use of firefighting equipment to those who work in the Facility as needed  
Facility conducts one additional fire drill per shift per quarter in the affected areas  
Temporary systems are inspected and tested monthly  
Facility conducts education to promote awareness of building deficiencies, hazards and temporary measures for fire safety  
Facility trains those who work in a facility to compensate for impaired life safety features  
Per TJC LS.01.02.01

### Code Deficiencies

1	Lacking a code compliant smoke barrier			X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
2	Fire exit stairs discharge improperly			X	X	X									X	
3	Excessive travel distance to an approved exit			X	X	X				X	X					
4	Lack of two remote exits			X	X					X	X			X		
5	Nonconforming building construction type				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	Improperly properly protected vertical openings				X		X		X	X	X		X			
7	Large penetrations and fire barriers				X					X	X		X			
8	Corridor walls do not extend to the structure			X	X		X		X	X	X		X			
9	Hazardous areas not properly protected	X	X		X			X		X	X	X				X

### Construction Related Issues

10	Blocking off an approved exit			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	
11	Renovation on an occupied floor			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
12	Replacing the fire alarm system (out of service)	X	X		X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
13	Installing sprinkler system (out of service)	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	Significantly modifying smoke or fire barrier walls			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
15	Hot work				X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X

### Maintenance and Testing

16	Testing a fire alarm system out of service	X	X		X		X	X		X		X		X	X	X
17	Taking a sprinkler system out of service	X	X		X		X	X		X		X		X		X
18	Disconnecting or disabling alarm devices	X	X		X		X							X	X	
19	Re-Lamping stairwells			X	X	X										
20																

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Construction : Activity Risk Precaution Level

Level of Construction Activity	Type A	Type B	Type C	Type D
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## Example #3

# Maintenance Deficiencies

### Risk Assessment Matrix

Existing significant Life Safety Code  
Deficiencies or Conditions as a result of  
Construction or Maintenance

Facility notifies the fire department when a fire alarm or sprinkler system is out of service for more than four hours  
Facility initiates a fire watch when a fire alarm or sprinkler system is out of service for more than four hours  
Facility post signage identifying the location of alternate exits  
Facility has a written interim life safety measure (LSM) Plan  
Exits in affected areas are inspected on a daily basis  
Temporary but the equivalent life alarm and detection systems are installed when a fire system is impaired  
Additional firefighting equipment is provided when needed  
Temporary construction partitions are locked light and made of material that will not contribute to development or spread of fire  
Surveillance of building grounds, and equipment are increased with special attention to construction areas and storage (includes P.D. Access)  
Facility enforces storage, housekeeping, and debris removal practices that reduce the flammable and combustible load  
Facility provides additional training on the use of firefighting equipment to those who work in the Facility as needed  
Facility conducts one additional fire drill per shift per quarter in the affected areas  
Temporary systems are installed and tested monthly  
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### Code Deficiencies

1	Lacking a code compliant smoke barrier			X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
2	Fire exit stairs discharge improperly			X	X	X									X	
3	Excessive travel distance to an approved exit			X	X	X				X	X					
4	Lack of two remote exits			X	X					X	X			X		
5	Nonconforming building construction type				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	Improperly properly protected vertical openings				X		X		X	X	X		X			
7	Large penetrations and fire barriers				X					X	X		X			
8	Corridor walls do not extend to the structure			X	X		X		X	X	X		X			
9	Hazardous areas not properly protected	X	X		X			X		X	X	X				X

### Construction Related Issues

10	Blocking off an approved exit			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	
11	Renovation on an occupied floor			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
12	Replacing the fire alarm system (out of service)	X	X		X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
13	Installing sprinkler system (out of service)	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	Significantly modifying smoke or fire barrier walls			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
15	Re-Lamping stairwells				X											

### Maintenance and Testing

16	Taking a fire alarm system out of service	X	X		X		X	X		X		X		X	X	X
17	Taking a sprinkler system out of service	X	X		X		X	X		X		X		X		X
18	Disconnecting or disabling alarm devices	X	X		X		X						X	X		
19	Re-Lamping stairwells			X	X	X										
20																

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Construction : Activity Risk Precaution Level

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## #10 – “Blocking an exit”

**Construction : Activity Risk Precaution Level**

Level of Construction Activity	Type A	Type B	Type C	Type D
Patient Risk Occupancy Group	Low	Medium	High	Highest
Inf. Control Precaution Level	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV

## 10. Blocking off an approved exit

### **Consider using these ILSMs:**

- 1 - Facility post signage identifying the location of alternate exits
- 2 - Facility has a written interim life safety measure (ILSM) plan
- 3 - Exits in affected areas are inspected on a daily basis
- 4 - Temporary but the equivalent fire alarm and detection systems are used when a fire system is impaired

## 10. Blocking off an approved exit

### **Consider using these ILSMs:**

5 - Surveillance of buildings, grounds, and equipment are increased with special attention to construction areas and storage (Includes FD Access)

6 - Facility enforces storage, housekeeping, and debris removal practices that reduce the flammable and combustible fire load

7 - Facility provides additional training on the use of firefighting equipment to those who work in the Facility as needed

## 10. Blocking off an approved exit

### **Consider using these ILSMs:**

8 - Facility conducts one additional fire drill per shift per quarter in the affected areas

9 - Facility conducts education to promote awareness of building deficiencies, hazards, and temporary measures for fire safety

# Example #4: ILSM Evaluation Tool

LLSC Form #BAAS

<b>ILSM EVALUATION (Health Care &amp; Ambul)</b>		<b>AN</b>	ILSM Evaluation
FACILITY:			
PROJECT:	Phase:		
Date of Evaluation			

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per Joint Commission-L5.01.02.01, EP 1: "Facility has a policy to guide implementation of ILSM"

## A. ALL LSC DEFICIENCIES YES: ☐ NO: ☐ (Must be implemented for all code issues)

- ☐ **STAFF NOTIFICATION:** Organization-wide safety education programs must be conducted to ensure awareness of any life safety deficiency, construction hazards and all temporary measures required by this checklist. Consultation must be made with the Safety Manager, Infection Control staff, Security, Environmental Service, Employee Health and affected department heads. (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 13)

## B. ALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS YES: ☐ NO: ☐ (Must be implemented for all construction projects)

- ☐ **CONTRACTOR EDUCATION:** All contractors and subcontractors must be made aware of, and follow facility safety practices. Smoking is prohibited anywhere in the building and within 20' of all construction sites. (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 13)
- ☐ **CLEANLINESS:** Storage, housekeeping and debris removal policies and procedures must be understood and enforced during the entire project. Flammables and combustible materials within the project area shall be kept at the lowest level necessary for daily operations. (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 9)
- ☐ **INSPECTIONS:** Inspections of the building, grounds and equipment in and near the project area must be increased with special attention to construction sites, excavations, storage areas and field offices. (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 4, 8)

## C. IS ANY EXIT RESTRICTED? YES: ☐ NO: ☐ (If any exit or exit access corridor restricted, even temporarily, to below 48" obstruction-free width, select the following)

- ☐ **ALTERNATIVE EXIT ROUTE REQUIRED:** (1) Route must be designated; (2) Temporary exit route must have signage; (3) Area staff must receive training on the alternative exit; (4) Route must be inspected daily to ensure they are unobstructed. (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 3, 4)

## D. IS ANY RATED WALL IMPAIRED? YES: ☐ NO: ☐ (If "Yes" select one or more of the following)

- ☐ **REDUCE QUANTITY OF COMBUSTIBLES IN AREA** (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 9)
- ☐ **INSTALL TEMPORARY FIRE RATED WALL** (see also H below)
- ☐ **STAFF TRAINING IN AFFECTED AREA** on alternative procedures (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 14)

## E. IS ANY FIRE ALARM SYS IMPAIRED? YES: ☐ NO: ☐ (If fire alarm, smoke detector or other detection system is impaired for 4 or more hours during any 24 hour period, select one or more of the following)

- ☐ **PROVIDE TEMPORARY, BUT EQUIVALENT, ALARM SYS** if outage is overnight: a temporary, but equivalent system shall be provided, inspected, and tested monthly. (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 5, 12)
- ☐ **PROVIDE 24/7 FIRE WATCH** (per facility policy) (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 2)

## F. IS SPRINKLER SYS IMPAIRED? YES: ☐ NO: ☐ (If sprinkler system is impaired for 10 or more hours during any 24 hour period, select one or more of the following)

- ☐ **PROVIDE TEMPORARY, BUT EQUIVALENT, SUPPRESSION SYS** if outage is overnight: a temporary, but equivalent system shall be provided, inspected, and tested monthly. (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 5, 12)
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<b>ILSM EVALUATION (Health Care &amp; Ambul)</b>		<b>AN</b>	ILSM Evaluation
FACILITY:			
PROJECT:	Phase:		
Date of Evaluation			

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## G. ARE TEMPORARY PARTITIONS INSTALLED? YES: ☐ NO: ☐ (If temporary partitions are required for infection control or other reason they must comply with the following)

- ☐ **PARTITION SPECIFICATIONS:** Temporary construction partitions needed for dust, noise, safety or security protection must be smoke tight and built only of noncombustible or limited combustible materials. (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 7)

## H. IS SITUATION SERIOUS? YES: ☐ NO: ☐ (Evaluate seriousness by scoring point per following grid)

Serious Considerations (assign "points" and total to determine "seriousness")

	2 points	1 point	0 point	# pts scored
1. Who is affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Outpt/Visitor	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff/Contractor	
2. Duration of Situation?	<input type="checkbox"/> >4 wks	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 wks	<input type="checkbox"/> < 2 wks	
3. Number of Physical Issues (C-D)	<input type="checkbox"/> Exit	<input type="checkbox"/> Rated Wall		
4. Number of Impairments (E-F)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler	<input type="checkbox"/> Alarm		
Total # Points:				

If > 6 points the situation is "serious" and implement both of the following

- ☐ **ADDED FIRE EQUIPMENT:** Additional fire-fighting equipment and training on their use must be provided. (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 6, 10)
- ☐ **ADDED FIRE DRILLS:** Fire drills shall be conducted a minimum of twice per shift per quarter in buildings that have deficiencies or construction projects that last 3 months or longer. (TJC L5.01.02.01, EP 11)

## CONFIRMATION BY ILSM EVALUATION TEAM

"I have evaluated the life safety implications of the stated deficiencies, consulted with persons identified below, and feel the indicated ILSM's will adequately control the life safety hazards caused by the deficiencies and corrective construction work."

	Name	Date
1. Facility Manager		
2. General Contractor		
3. Safety Manager		
4. Infection Control		
5. Employee Health Mngr		
6. Environmental Svc Mngr		
7. Security Manager		
8. Dept		
9. Dept		
10. Dept		

This evaluation must be completed prior to the start of each phase of a construction project and whenever any LSC deficiency is observed. Verification of implementation of required ILSM must be confirmed and documented monthly by the Facility Manager.

# Example #4: ILSM Evaluation Tool

## A. ALL LSC DEFICIENCIES YES: ☐ N/A: ☐ (Must be impleted for all code issues)

- ☐ **STAFF NOTIFICATION:** Organization-wide safety education programs must be conducted to ensure awareness of any life safety deficiency, construction hazards and all temporary measures required by this checklist. Consultation must be made with the Safety Manager, Infection Control staff, Security, Environmental Service, Employee Health and effected department heads (TJC LS.01.02.01, EP 13 )

## B. ALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS YES: ☐ N/A: ☐ (Must be impleted for all construction projects)

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# Example #4: ILSM Evaluation Tool

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4. Number of Impairments (E-F)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler	<input type="checkbox"/> Alarm		

Total # Points: |

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3. Safety Manager	_____	_____
4. Infection Control	_____	_____
5. Employee Health Mngr	_____	_____
6. Environmental Svc Mngr	_____	_____
7. Security Manager	_____	_____
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9. Dept	_____	_____
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# Example #4: ILSM Tool

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# SAFETY STEPS IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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# INFECTION CONTROL EVALUATION

Use the Infection Control Risk Assessment tool (ICRA)

Multi-page Tool; Very Common; Several versions; Available On-Line

Infection Control Risk Assessment Matrix of Precautions for Construction & Renovation	
<b>Step One:</b> Using the following table, identify the <u>Type</u> of Construction Project Activity (Type A-D)	
TYPE A	<b>Inspection and Non-Invasive Activities.</b> Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>removal of ceiling tiles for visual inspection only, e.g., limited to 1 tile per 30 square feet</li> <li>painting (but not sanding)</li> <li>wallcovering, electrical trim work, minor plumbing, and activities which do not generate dust or require cutting of walls or access to ceilings other than for visual inspection</li> </ul>
TYPE B	<b>Small scale, short duration activities which create minimal dust</b> Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>installation of telephone and computer cabling</li> <li>access to chase spaces</li> <li>cutting of walls or ceiling where dust migration can be controlled</li> </ul>
TYPE C	<b>Work that generates a moderate to high level of dust or requires demolition or removal of any fixed building components or assemblies</b> Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sanding of walls for painting or wall covering</li> <li>removal of floorcoverings, ceiling tiles and casework</li> <li>new wall construction</li> <li>minor duct work or electrical work above ceilings</li> <li>major cabling activities</li> <li>any activity which cannot be completed within a single workshift</li> </ul>
TYPE D	<b>Major demolition and construction projects</b> Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>activities which require consecutive work shifts</li> <li>requires heavy demolition or removal of a complete ceiling system</li> <li>new construction</li> </ul>
<b>Step 1:</b> _____	

**Step Two:**  
Using the following table, identify the Patient Risk Groups that will be affected.  
If more than one risk group will be affected, select the higher risk group.

Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	Highest Risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiology</li> <li>Echocardiography</li> <li>Endoscopy</li> <li>Nuclear Medicine</li> <li>Physical Therapy</li> <li>Radiology/MRI</li> <li>Respiratory Therapy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCU</li> <li>Emergency Room</li> <li>Labor &amp; Delivery</li> <li>Laboratories (specimens)</li> <li>Medical Units</li> <li>Newborn Nursery</li> <li>Outpatient Surgery</li> <li>Pediatrics</li> <li>Pharmacy</li> <li>Post Anesthesia Care Unit</li> <li>Surgical Units</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any area caring for immunocompromised patients</li> <li>Isolation Unit</li> <li>Cardiac Cath Lab</li> <li>Central Sterile Supply</li> <li>Intensive Care Units</li> <li>Negative pressure isolation rooms</li> <li>Oncology</li> <li>Operating rooms including C-section rooms</li> </ul>

## Step 2

### Step Three: Match the

Patient Risk Group (Low, Medium, High, Highest) with the planned \_\_\_\_

Construction Project Type (A, B, C, D) on the following matrix, to find the \_\_\_\_

Class of Precautions (I, II, III or IV) or level of infection control activities required.

Class I-IV or Color-Coded Precautions are delineated on the following page.

## IC Matrix - Class of Precautions: Construction Project by Patient Risk

Patient Risk Group	Construction Project Type			
	TYPE A	TYPE B	TYPE C	TYPE D
LOW Risk Group	I	II	II	III/IV
MEDIUM Risk Group	I	II	III	IV
HIGH Risk Group	I	III	III/IV	IV
HIGHEST Risk Group	II	III/IV	III/IV	IV

Note: Infection Control approval will be required when the Construction Activity and Risk Level indicate that **III/IV** or **IV** control precautions are necessary.

Note: Infection Control approval will be required when the Construction Activity and Risk Level indicates that **Class III or Class IV** control procedures are necessary.

Description of Required Infection Control Precautions by Class	
During Construction Project	Upon Completion of Project
<b>Class I</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolate work by methods to minimize mixing dust from construction operations.</li> <li>Immediately replace working tile displaced for visual inspection.</li> </ol>	<b>Class I</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close work area upon completion of work.</li> </ol>
<b>Class II</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide active means to prevent airborne dust from dispersing into other areas.</li> <li>Water-saturate work surfaces to control dust while cutting.</li> <li>Use wetted-down dust with dust traps.</li> <li>Block off and seal air vents.</li> <li>Place dust-mat at entrance and exit of work area.</li> <li>Remove or isolate HEPA system in areas where work is being performed.</li> </ol>	<b>Class II</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wipe work surfaces with cleaner/disinfectant.</li> <li>Contain construction waste before transport in tightly sealed containers.</li> <li>Wet mop and/or vacuum with HEPA filtered vacuum/cleaner leaving work area.</li> <li>Upon completion, isolate HEPA system where work was performed.</li> </ol>
<b>Class III</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove or isolate HEPA system in area where work is being done to prevent contamination of dust system.</li> <li>Complete all critical barriers (i.e. ductwork, plywood, plastic, to seal area from rest work area or implement control cage method) just with plastic covering and sealed connection to work site with HEPA vacuum for vacuuming prior to entry before construction begins.</li> <li>Maintain negative air pressure within work site utilizing HEPA, equipped air filtration units.</li> <li>Contain construction waste before transport in tightly sealed containers.</li> <li>Cover transport receptacles or carts. Tape covering sealed lid.</li> </ol>	<b>Class III</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not remove barriers from work area until completed project is inspected by the owner's Safety Department and Infection Prevention &amp; Control Department and thoroughly cleaned by the owner's Environmental Services Department.</li> <li>Remove barrier materials carefully to minimize spreading of dirt and debris associated with construction.</li> <li>Vacuum work area with HEPA filtered vacuums.</li> <li>Wet mop area with cleaner/disinfectant.</li> <li>Upon completion, isolate HEPA system where work was performed.</li> </ol>
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# 1. Evaluate Amount of Dust

ICRA

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TYPE B	<b>Small scale, short duration activities which create minimal dust</b> Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ installation of telephone and computer cabling</li><li>▪ access to chase spaces</li><li>▪ cutting of walls or ceiling where dust migration can be controlled.</li></ul>	B-Small Amount
TYPE C	<b>Work that generates a moderate to high level of dust or requires demolition or removal of any fixed building components or assemblies</b> Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ sanding of walls for painting or wall covering</li><li>▪ removal of floorcoverings, ceiling tiles and casework</li><li>▪ new wall construction</li><li>▪ minor duct work or electrical work above ceilings</li><li>▪ major cabling activities</li><li>▪ any activity which cannot be completed within a single workshift.</li></ul>	C-Moderate Amount
TYPE D	<b>Major demolition and construction projects</b> Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ activities which require consecutive work shifts</li><li>▪ requires heavy demolition or removal of a complete cabling system</li><li>▪ new construction.</li></ul>	D-Large Amount

# Why all the Dust Concern?

Bacteria, Virus & Mold are Hitch-Hikers !

Infection causing contaminants,  
such as **aspergillus fungi**,  
are almost always present in

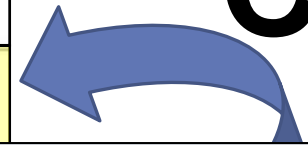
**COMMON EVERYDAY DUST**

Normally, dust will not harm persons with healthy  
bodies, other than perhaps an allergic reaction.

## 1. Evaluate Amount of Dust

TYPE A	<b>Inspection and Non-Invasive Activities.</b> Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>removal of ceiling tiles for visual inspection only, e.g., limited to 1 tile per 50 square feet</li> <li>painting (but not sanding)</li> <li>wallcovering, electrical trim work, minor plumbing, and activities which do not generate dust or require cutting of walls or access to ceilings other than for visual inspection.</li> </ul>
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C



### EXAMPLE:

*A project is expected to last 3 weeks and requires knocking down a wall.*

What Type is it?



## 2. Evaluate Patient Risk

## ICRA

### Step Two:

Using the following table, *identify the Patient Risk Groups* that will be affected. If more than one risk group will be affected, select the higher risk group:

Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	Highest Risk
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Non-Pt

Out-Patient

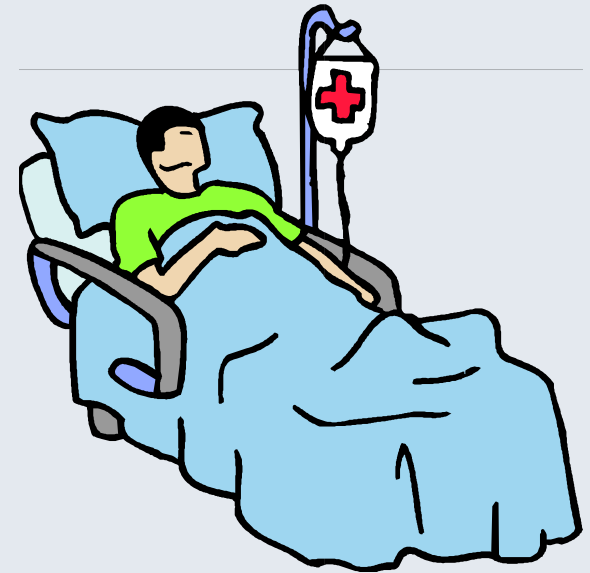
← In-Patient →

# Why all the Location Concern?

Patients, who are already ill, are very susceptible to becoming even more ill or die from contaminants

Immunosuppressed patients include those in:

- Surgery
- recent surgery
- Chemotherapy
- ICU/CCU
- Nursery
- Emergency
- Elderly (anywhere)



## 2. Evaluate Patient Risk

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### Non-Pt

### Out-Patient

### In-Patient

Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	Highest Risk
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### EXAMPLE:

*A project will take place in a patient sleeping unit.*

What Risk is it?

**High**

### 3. Determine Protective Actions

## ICRA

#### Step Three: Match the

**Patient Risk Group** (*Low, Medium, High, Highest*) with the planned ...  
**Construction Project Type** (*A, B, C, D*) on the following matrix, to find the ...



**Class of Precautions** (*I, II, III or IV*) or level of infection control activities required.

**IC Matrix - Class of Precautions: Construction Project by Patient Risk**

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HIGHEST Risk Group	II	III/IV	III/IV	IV

Note: Infection Control approval will be required when the Construction Activity and Risk Level indicate that **Class III** or **Class IV** control procedures are necessary.

### 3. Determine Protective Actions

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**EXAMPLE**: What Class of Precaution must this work take?

**TYPE (Dust)**: A project is expected to last 3 weeks and requires knocking down a wall.

**C**

IC Matrix - Class of Precautions: Construction Project by Patient Risk

Patient Risk Group	Construction Project Type			
	TYPE A	TYPE B	TYPE C	TYPE D
LOW Risk Group	I	II	III/IV	III/IV
MEDIUM Risk Group	I	II	III/IV	IV
HIGH Risk Group	I	II	III/IV	IV
HIGHEST Risk Group	II	III/IV	III/IV	IV

Note: Infection Control approval will be required when the Construction Activity and Risk Level indicate that **Class III** or **Class IV** control procedures are necessary.

**High**

**RISK (Location)**: A project will take place in a patient sleeping unit

## Major Considerations for Protective Actions

- Travel Paths of Patients, Staff & Contractors –any cross of paths must be evaluated for cleanliness
- Material Staging Areas – Dust Levels
- Debris Removal Routes and Times
- Ventilation – intakes/exhausts; Dust Control
- Separation of Clean & Soiled –
- Susceptibility of adjacent patients – sides, above, below



## Description of Required Infection Control Precautions

### CLASS I → (Little dust / Non-patient location)

#### During Construction

1. Execute work by methods to minimize raising dust from construction operations.
2. Immediately replace a ceiling tile displaced for visual inspection

#### After Completion

1. Clean work area upon completion of task.

#### Description of Required Infection Control Precautions

##### CLASS II: →

##### During Construction

1. Provide active means to prevent airborne dust from dispersing into atmosphere.
2. Water mist work surfaces to control dust while cutting.
3. Seal unused doors with duct tape.
4. Block off and seal air vents.
5. Place dust mat at entrance and exit of work area
6. Remove or isolate HVAC system in areas where work is being performed.

##### After Completion

1. Wipe work surfaces with cleaner/disinfectant.
2. Contain construction waste before transport in tightly covered containers.
3. Wet mop and/or vacuum with HEPA filtered vacuum before leaving work area.
4. Upon completion, restore HVAC system where work was performed.



## Description of Required Infection Control Precautions

### CLASS III → (Moderate Dust / Any Location)

#### During Construction

1. Remove or Isolate HVAC system in area where work is being done to prevent contamination of duct system.
2. Complete all critical barriers i.e. sheetrock, plywood, plastic, to seal area from non work area or implement control cube method (cart with plastic covering and sealed connection to work site with HEPA vacuum for vacuuming prior to exit) before construction begins.
3. Maintain negative air pressure within work site utilizing HEPA equipped air filtration units.
4. Contain construction waste before transport in tightly covered containers.
5. Cover transport receptacles or carts. Tape covering unless solid lid.

### Description of Required Infection Control Precautions

#### **CLASS III** → (Moderate Dust / Any Location)

#### After Construction

1. Do not remove barriers from work area until completed project is inspected by the owner's Safety Department and Infection Prevention & Control Department and thoroughly cleaned by the owner's Environmental Services Department.
2. Remove barrier materials carefully to minimize spreading of dirt and debris associated with construction.
3. Vacuum work area with HEPA filtered vacuums.
4. Wet mop area with cleaner/disinfectant.
5. Upon completion, restore HVAC system where work was performed.

### Description of Required Infection Control Precautions

#### **CLASS IV →** (High Dust / Highest Suseptible-Pt Location)

#### During Construction

1. Isolate HVAC system in area where work is being done to prevent contamination of duct system.
2. Complete all critical barriers i.e. sheetrock, plywood, plastic, to seal area from non work area or implement control cube method (cart with plastic covering and sealed connection to work site with HEPA vacuum for vacuuming prior to exit) before construction begins.
3. Maintain negative air pressure within work site utilizing HEPA equipped air filtration units.
4. Seal holes, pipes, conduits, and punctures.
5. Construct anteroom and require all personnel to pass through this room so they can be vacuumed using a HEPA vacuum cleaner before leaving work site or they can wear cloth or paper coveralls that are removed each time they leave work site.
6. All personnel entering work site are required to wear shoe covers. Shoe covers must be changed each time the worker exits the work area.



### Description of Required Infection Control Precautions

#### CLASS IV → (High Dust / Any Patient Location)

##### After Construction

1. Do not remove barriers from work area until completed project is inspected by the owner's Safety Department and Infection Prevention & Control Department and thoroughly cleaned by the owner's Environmental Services Dept.
2. Remove barrier material carefully to minimize spreading of dirt and debris associated with construction.
3. Contain construction waste before transport in tightly covered containers.
4. Cover transport receptacles or carts. Tape covering unless solid lid.
5. Vacuum work area with HEPA filtered vacuums.
6. Wet mop area with cleaner/disinfectant.
7. Upon completion, restore HVAC system where work was performed.

# Infection Control Permit

# ICRA

Consider  
Implementing an  
Infection Prevention  
**Permit** System

(An extra part of ICRA)

Documents ICRA  
evaluation &  
approval

(Posted at Constr Entry)

Infection Control Construction Permit					
Location of Construction:			Permit No:		
Project Coordinator:			Project Start Date:		
Contractor Performing Work:			Estimated Duration:		
Supervisor:			Permit Expiration Date:		
Telephone:					
YES	NO	CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY	YES	NO	INFECTION CONTROL RISK GROUP
		TYPE A: Inspection, non-invasive activity			GROUP 1: Low Risk
		TYPE B: Small scale, short duration, moderate to high levels			GROUP 2: Medium Risk
		TYPE C: Activity generates moderate to high levels of dust, requires greater 1 work shift for completion			GROUP 3: Medium/High Risk
		TYPE D: Major duration and construction activities requiring consecutive work shifts			GROUP 4: Highest Risk
CLASS I		1. Execute work by methods to minimize raising dust from construction operations. 2. Immediately replace any ceiling tile displaced for visual inspection.	3. Minor Demolition for Remodeling		
CLASS II		1. Provides active means to prevent air-borne dust from dispersing into atmosphere 2. Water mist work surfaces to control dust while cutting. 3. Seal unused doors with duct tape. 4. Block off and seal air vents. 5. Wipe surfaces with cleaner/disinfectant.	6. Contain construction waste before transport in tightly covered containers. 7. Wet mop and/or vacuum with HEPA filtered vacuum before leaving work area. 8. Place dust mat at entrance and exit of work area. 9. Isolate HVAC system in areas where work is being performed; restore when work completed.		
CLASS III		1. Obtain infection control permit before construction begins. 2. Isolate HVAC system in area where work is being done to prevent contamination of duct system. 3. Complete all critical barriers or implement control cube method before construction begins.	6. Vacuum work with HEPA filtered vacuums. 7. Wet mop with cleaner/disinfectant 8. Remove barrier materials carefully to minimize spreading of dirt and debris associated with construction. 9. Contain construction waste before transport in tightly covered containers. 10. Cover transport receptacles or carts. Tape covering. 11. Upon completion, restore HVAC system where work was performed.		
Date:		4. Maintain negative air pressure within work site utilizing HEPA equipped air filtration units.			
Initial:		5. Do not remove barriers from work area until complete project is checked by Infection Prevention & Control and thoroughly cleaned by Environmental Services.			
CLASS IV		1. Obtain infection control permit before construction begins. 2. Isolate HVAC system in area where work is being done to prevent contamination of duct system. 3. Complete all critical barriers or implement control cube method before construction begins.	8. Do not remove barriers from work area until complete project is checked by Infection Prevention & Control and thoroughly cleaned by Environmental Services. 9. Vacuum work area with HEPA filtered vacuums. 10. Wet mop with disinfectant. 11. Remove barrier materials carefully to minimize spreading of dirt and debris associated with construction. 12. Contain construction waste before transport in tightly covered containers. 13. Cover transport receptacles or carts. Tape covering. 14. Upon completion, restore HVAC system where work was performed.		
Date:		4. Maintain negative air pressure within work site utilizing HEPA equipped air filtration units.			
Initial:		5. Seal holes, pipes, conduits, and punctures appropriately. 6. Construct anteroom and require all personnel to pass through this room so they can be vacuumed using a HEPA vacuum cleaner before leaving work site or they can wear cloth or paper coveralls that are removed each time they leave the work site. 7. All personnel entering work site are required to wear shoe covers.			
Additional Requirements:					
Date: Initials: Exceptions/Additions to this permit are noted by attached memoranda					
Permit Request By:			Permit Authorized By:		
Date:			Date:		

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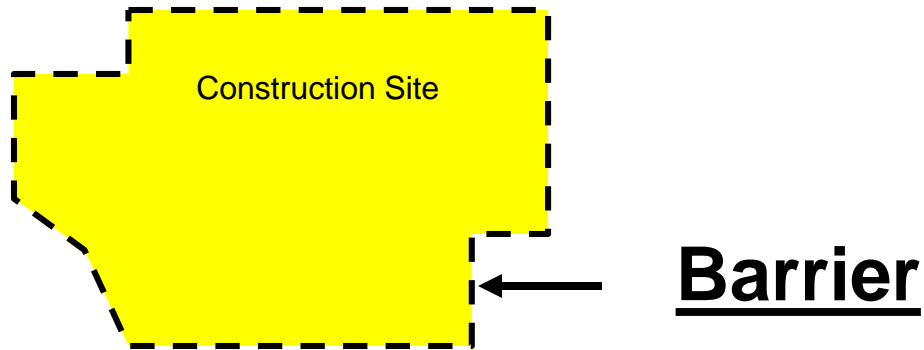
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# BARRIERS & CONTROLS





1. Provide around site perimeter, if required for dust control, fire rating, or security
2. Solid full-height wall to slab; materials as required
3. Should use visqueen barrier during building & removal of solid barrier; Must be limited combustible type, with zippered single or double doors (for carts); seams sealed with tape; mechanically attach to structure



## Plastic Barriers

## Constr Barriers

Provide smoke-tight sealant at ceiling

Close open ducts with 6 mil polyethylene barrier. Seal edges with continuous duct tape

Seal duct penetrations at tarpaulin to prevent dust to get out of construction area

**Difficult to Seal around Penetrations**

Continuous duct tape seal along ceiling perimeter

**"WORK" SIDE OF BARRIER**

**OCCUPIED SIDE OF BARRIER**

Minimal maintenance construction enclosure to be made of non-rated materials and flame retardant

**NOTE:** If not otherwise required by a ICRA or LSRA it may be acceptable to AHJ to use this barrier for short duration projects

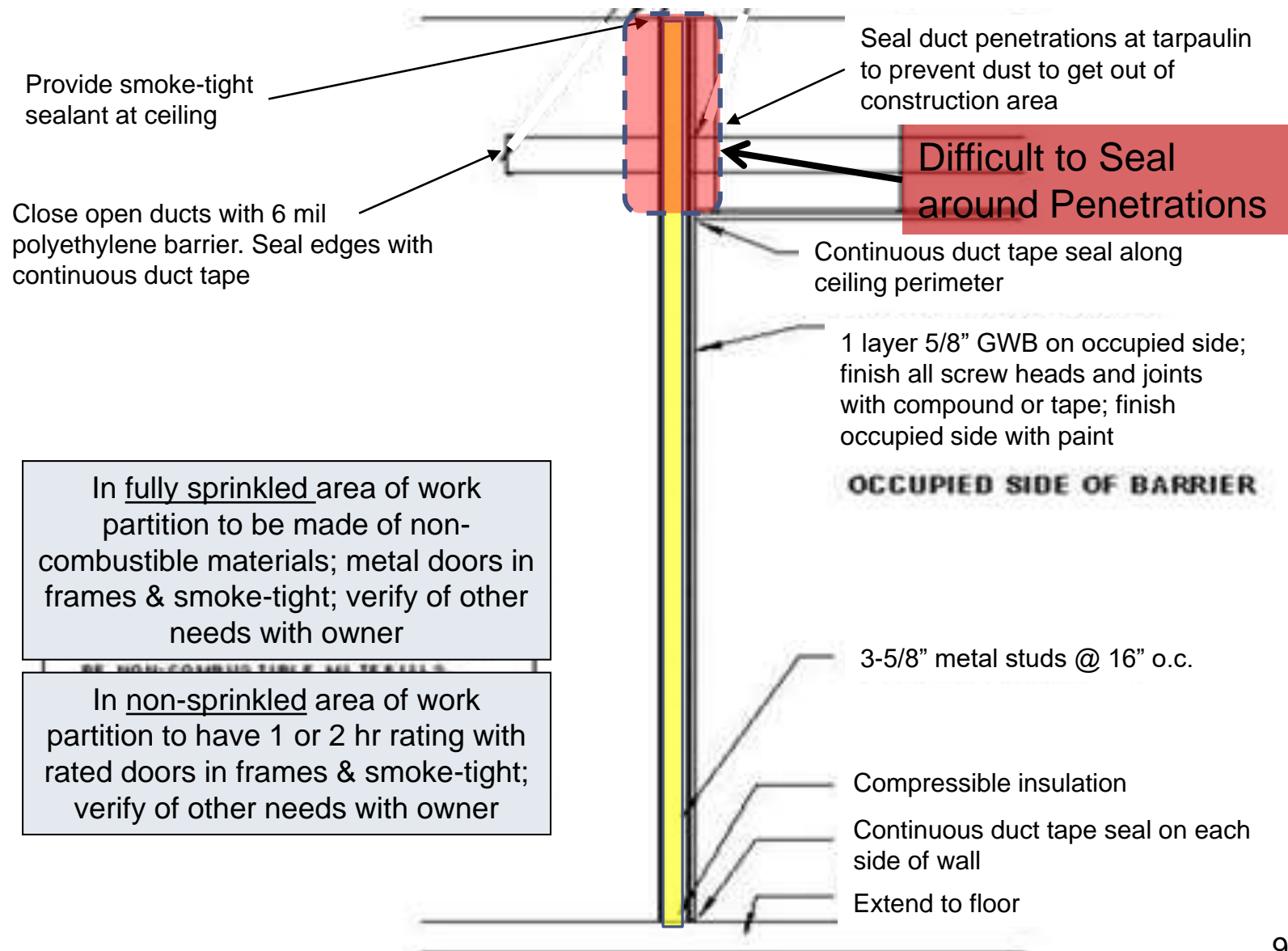
Plastic film Infection control barrier per ICRA evaluation

Continuous duct tape seal on each side of wall

Extend to floor

## “Hard” Barriers

## Constr Barriers



## Insulated Barriers

## Constr Barriers

Provide smoke-tight sealant at ceiling

Close open ducts with 6 mil polyethylene barrier. Seal edges with continuous duct tape

Seal duct penetrations at tarpaulin to prevent dust to get out of construction area

**Difficult to Seal around Penetrations**

Continuous duct tape seal along ceiling perimeter

1 layer 5/8" GWB on occupied side; finish all screw heads and joints with compound or tape; finish occupied side with paint

**OCCUPIED SIDE OF BARRIER**

In fully sprinkled area of work partition to be made of non-combustible materials; metal doors in frames & smoke-tight; verify of other needs with owner

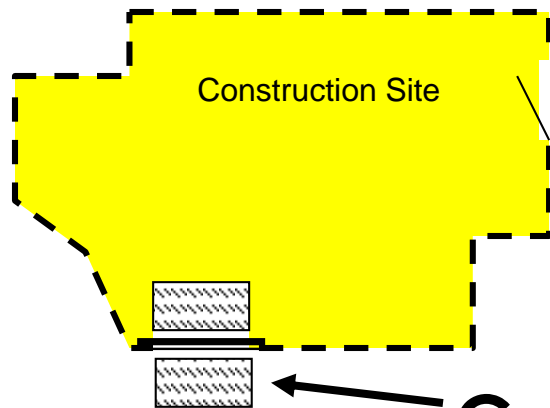
In non-sprinkled area of work partition to have 1 or 2 hr rating with rated doors in frames & smoke-tight; verify of other needs with owner

3-5/8" metal studs @ 16" o.c. with full batt insulation

Compressible insulation

Continuous duct tape seal on each side of wall

Extend to floor

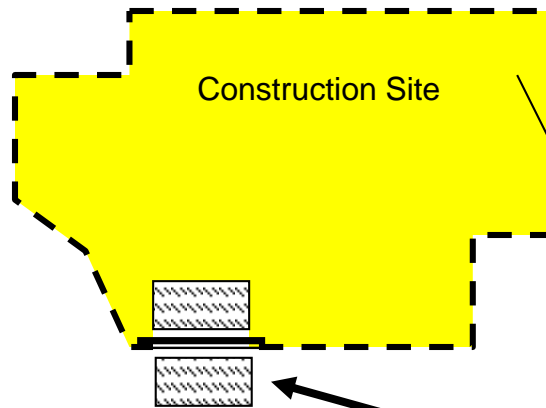


### **Restrict Entry**

Try to limit the # doors in/out of the construction site. Where possible, seal & sign extra doors to restrict entry to reduce dust transfer

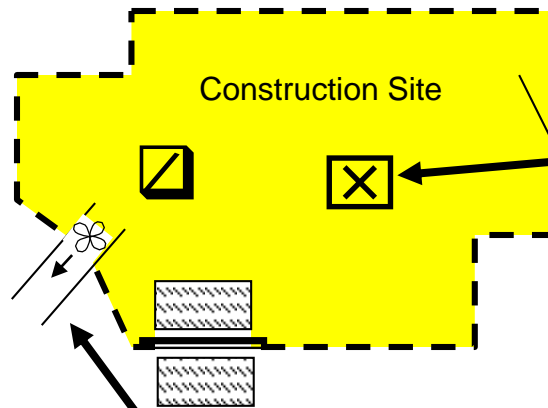
### **Contractor Entry**

1. One in/out for contractors (away from pt & staff paths, if possible)
2. Sealed door; Doors must be kept closed except during deliveries; Doors should be locked during non-work periods
3. Wet mat inside area (shampoo as needed to keep clean)
4. Dry mat outside; vac/shampoo as needed to keep clean; Need cleaning if stomping gives any dust (indicates poor cleanliness)
5. Sticky Mat outside; large enough for force walking on with both feet (replace if can't hear "sucking" when lifting feet)



### Debris

1. Transport in clean carts
2. Must be covered if required by dust control level
3. Wipe exterior & wheels when dirty



## Diffusers

Close supply & return grills or cover with filters

## Negative Air (when required by ICRA)

1. Fan large enough for -.02" static pressure\* into the construction site (need tight enclosure)

\*-.02" sp recommendation is based on doubling the CDC recommended -.01" for sp care rooms

2. Daily measure & record static pressure
3. Must use HEPA filter if return air to AHU or recirculate within room or building (don't need if exhausting to outside)

## 2 Examples of ILSM Inspection Tools

ILSM Form #649					
FACILITY:	<b>D</b>		ILSM CHECKS		
PROJECT:					
ILSM DAILY CHECKS (Health Care & Animal)					
per Joint Commission (L531.22.01, SP.4, "Facility Inspects Data in affected areas on a daily basis")					
Inspection	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Date:					
Items to Check	✓ = Pass X = Fail & describe problem & repair on bottom of chart				
1. <b>EXITS:</b> Clear, unobstructed & signs in place to show path					
2. <b>CONSTRUCTION EXIT PATH:</b> Clear, unobstructed & signs in place					
3. <b>FINAL STATIONS:</b> Clear, unobstructed & functional					
4. <b>DEBRIS:</b> Excess debris removed from site. Carts leave no tracks					
5. <b>ELECTRICITY:</b> Power set, unit at night					
6. <b>EXTINGUISHERS:</b> Cords used per OSHA, not set to hazard					
7. <b>BAVING:</b> Walls & Ceilings sealed tight					
8. <b>DOORS:</b> Frames & seal closed. Glass intact in place. No foot jacks					
9. <b>ANTILOCKS:</b> Inoperative pathway > 2' w/ maintained & documented					
10. <b>GRILLS:</b> All return air grills sealed with plates					
11. <b>PPE:</b> Protective clothing & gear used where required					
12. <b>CLEANING:</b> Site cleaned at end of each day					
Failures: Describe problem, describe what was done to correct, date & initial					

Daily Inspections Check List	
<b>Construction Site</b>	
Are exit signs visible inside & outside of the Construction Zone?	
Are the Construction Site(s) kept clean?	
Do the contractors interviewed know where the smoke barriers are in the Construction Zone?	
Do the contractors interviewed know where the 2-Hour fire walls and shafts are?	
If Hot Works are observed, have Permits been issued?	
Are cutting and welding operations properly and safely conducted?	
Are all exits kept clear in the Construction Zone?	
Are egress corridors outside the Construction Site kept clear?	
Is the Construction Site properly isolated from fresh air intakes?	
Are the Workers wearing required identification at all times?	
Are Lock Out/Tag Out procedures used as appropriate?	
Is fire retardant material used in compliance with necessary safety regulations?	
<b>ILSM</b>	
Do all exits provide free and unobstructed egress?	
Have all Personnel received training, if alternative or temporary exits are designated?	
Is access to the Emergency Department free and unobstructed?	
Did an Emergency Evacuation notification take place?	
Are temporary barriers in place?	
Has additional fire fighting equipment been provided?	
Question staff member if they have been trained in its use?	
Is the Smoking Policy being followed?	
Has developing and enforcing fire safety policies been a priority?	
Has the building's fire alarm system been tested?	
Has a minimum of two (2) fire drills been conducted during the ILSM?	
Are two (2) fire drills per shift in total area conducted?	
Is increased hazard surveillance of buildings, grounds, and equipment with special attention to excavations, construction areas, construction storage, and field offices being performed?	
Have Personnel in and adjacent to the construction area been trained to compensate for impaired structural or compartmentalization features of fire safety?	
Are organization-wide safety programs to promote awareness of LSCB [Life Safety Code] deficiencies conducted?	
<b>Infection Control</b>	
Are the air vents covered?	
Are the appropriate barriers up and secured?	
Are the construction barriers maintaining negative pressure relationships?	
What is the differential pressure reading?	
Are HEPA filtration units, HEPA vacuum equipment, and/or continuous use of exhaust fans demonstrating they are functioning appropriately?	
Are exhaust/supply ducts sealed/dropped as agreed by ICRA?	
Are construction area doors closed and gaskets and hardware intact?	
Are construction carts transporting debris covered and consistent with agreement designed to minimize airborne particulate matter from debris?	
Are all windows and doors remaining closed to prevent circulation of dust/debris?	
Are there signs of water leakage or pests?	
Are ceiling tiles replaced when awoken, are not being accessed?	
Are hand and safety rails in place and in good condition?	
Are walk-off mats and adhesive strips cleaned and changed sufficiently to maintain clean entrances/exits?	
Is a HEPA vacuum used each day to clean the construction site?	



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# Example #1: ILSM Daily Check Tool

Inspector:

Date:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
✓ = Pass X=Fail & describe problem & repair on bottom of sheet				

Item to Check
1. <u>EXITS</u> : Clear, unobstructed & signs in place to show path
2. <u>CONSTRUCTION EXIT PATH</u> : Clear, unobstructed & signs in place
3. <u>PULL STATIONS</u> : Clear, unobstructed & functional
4. <u>DEBRIS</u> : Excess debris removed from site; Carts leave no tracks
5. <u>ELECTRICITY</u> : Power secured at night
6. <u>EXTENSION CORDS</u> : Cords used per OSHA, not a trip hazard
7. <u>BARRIERS</u> : Walls & Ceilings sealed tight
8. <u>DOORS</u> : Entries kept closed. Clean mats in place; NO foot prints
9. <u>AIRFLOW</u> : Negative airflow > .1" wc maintained & documented
10. <u>GRILLS</u> : All return air grills sealed with plastic
11. <u>PPE</u> : Protective clothing & gear used where required
12. <u>CLEANING</u> : Site cleaned at end of each day

M-F Inspections

12 Most Important Things to Check

# Example #2: ILSM Daily Check Tool

## Daily Inspections Check List

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ILSM
Do all exits provide free and unobstructed egress?
Have all Personnel received training, if alternative or temporary exits are designated?
Is access to the Emergency Department free and unobstructed?
Did an Emergency forces notification take place?
Are temporary barriers in place constructed per requirements?
Has additional fire fighting equipment been provided and staff trained in its use?
Question staff member if they have been trained on additional fire fighting equipment.
Is the Smoking Policy being followed?
Has developing and enforcing storage, housekeeping, and debris removal practices reduced the building's flammable and combustible fire load to the lowest feasible level?
Has a minimum of two (2) fire drills per shift per quarter been conducted during the ILSM?
Are two (2) fire drills per shift in local area conducted?
Is increased hazard surveillance of buildings, grounds, and equipment with special attention to excavations, construction areas, construction storage, and field offices being performed?
Have Personnel in and adjacent to the construction area been trained to compensate for impaired structural or compartmentalization features of fire safety?
Are organization-wide safety programs to promote awareness of LSC® (Life Safety Code) deficiencies conducted?
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Is a HEPA vacuum used each day to clean the construction Site?

## More Complete Check List

Can be a heavy burden

If used, make sure it's not "pencil-whipped"

Allocate enough time to do a thorough daily check

## Let's Look Closer at the Detailed Checks

## Example #2: ILSM Daily Check Tool

### Daily Inspections Check List

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Also on Example #1



## Example #2: ILSM Daily Check Tool

### ILSM

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Is access to the Emergency Department free and unobstructed?

Did an Emergency forces notification take place?

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Has additional fire fighting equipment been provided and staff trained in its use?

Question staff member if they have been trained on additional fire fighting equipment.

Is the Smoking Policy being followed?

Has developing and enforcing storage, housekeeping, and debris removal practices reduced the building's flammable and combustible fire load to the lowest feasible level?

Has a minimum of two (2) fire drills/per shift/per quarter been conducted during the ILSM?

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## Example #2: ILSM Daily Check Tool

### Infection Control

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# SAFETY STEPS IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

## AGENDA

1. Big Safety Picture
2. Work Phasing
3. Life Safety Assessment
4. ILSM
5. Infection Assessment
6. Barriers & Controls

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