

The life safety assessment is a comprehensive on-site survey conducted by experienced fire and life safety professionals. The life safety assessment is modeled after the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Fire Safety Survey Report Code – Health Care form.

The life safety assessment is a specialized service that can be utilized as part of the plan of correction process following a poor survey or to help a facility prepare for compliance and utilize Best Practices in advance of a survey. Service highlights include:

- Detailed survey process to identify compliance issues in advance of regulators' visit
- Plan of correction assistance
- Adverse event assistance
- Compliance with all applicable Life Safety Code regulations and Best Practices
- Comprehensive focus on operational elements of fire and life safety within a facility, including:
 - Fire hazard identification
 - Means of egress compliance
 - Fire detection and suppression equipment
 - Emergency power
 - Required fire/smoke separation (compartmentalization)
 - Evacuation planning
 - Emergency procedures—written protocols, training, and drills
 - General housekeeping and storage practices
 - All applicable elements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) #101 (Life Safety Code, 2012) and NFPA #99 (Health Care Facilities Code, 2012)
- Focused life safety consulting—assistance with specific issues

During the one-day assessment, the consultant evaluates multiple elements of the facility's fire and life safety program. This includes assessing all aspects of the physical plant for physical hazards, reviewing written emergency procedures, and interviewing leadership staff and select staff members to assess their proficiency in emergency response procedures.

After the life safety assessment, the consultant produces a written report of findings to help the facility enhance its compliance and risk management practices. The report includes a narrative description of itemized findings, recommendations, and photographs (when applicable).