

JCAHO Clarifies Fire Safety Requirements in Business Occupancies

Scope: Accredited Free Standing Business Occupancies

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The JCAHO surveyors do not survey free-standing business occupancies to assess compliance with the Life Safety Code, but they do assess the organization's compliance with EC.1.5, fire safe environment. To avoid Type 1 Recommendations, organizations should:

- 1. Comply with the local Authority Having Jurisdiction**
- 2. Ensure exits are not blocked or locked during business hours**
- 3. Ensure fire safety equipment (smoke detectors, sprinkler heads, pull stations, and fire extinguishers) are accessible and in good repair.**