

LIFE SAFETY and EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

WHEN & WHERE

FEBRUARY 5, 2025 — BRENTWOOD

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

This seminar addresses the increased scrutiny and regulatory requirements faced by long-term care facilities. The importance of maintaining a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP) has become increasingly critical due to extreme weather, cyber-attacks and other threats. Senior living facilities have faced significant challenges, including hurricanes, fires, and resident elopements. In response, CMS implemented the NFPA 2012 Life Safety Code and comprehensive emergency preparedness requirements, leading to a rise in deficiencies during facility surveys. This comprehensive seminar addresses the critical need for facilities to stay compliant with evolving regulations while ensuring the safety and well-being of their residents.

The day-long seminar is tailored for long-term care providers and aims to:

- Guide attendees through survey processes.
- Clarify key aspects of Life Safety and Emergency Preparedness requirements.
- Provide insights on survey preparation and interactions with surveyors.
- Offer expert guidance on compliance with inspection, testing, and maintenance (ITM) protocols.

Key features

- Real-world examples of actual survey scenarios to demonstrate the practical application of standards.
- Latest interpretations: Attendees will learn about the most recent interpretations of regulations.
- Growing ITM requirements: The session will cover the expanding inspection, testing, and maintenance requirements facilities must meet.

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code requirements for nursing homes and surveyors' current priorities.
2. Recommend policies, standards, and documentation for LSC survey success.
3. Review the CMS Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers.
4. Review CMS Appendix Z emergency preparedness guidance to surveyors.
5. Identify how to incorporate infection prevention and control into an Emergency Preparedness Plan.
6. Review resources to help design and/or modify a compliant Emergency Preparedness Plan.

SEMINAR PRESENTERS



Kenneth Daily, LNHA, is the president of Elder Care Systems Group, a consulting firm specializing in long-term health care operations, life safety code compliance and emergency preparedness. His expertise stems from a personal experience in 2004 when a fire severely damaged a facility he operated, inspiring him to advocate for LSC compliance. He is an author and recognized expert in life safety and emergency preparedness who serves on multiple health care committees, including the Ohio Health Care Association Board of Trustees.



Meghan Medvitz, MSHS, is the senior manager of quality improvement and emergency preparedness at AHCA/NCAL. She oversees regulatory and policy preparation for emergency preparedness and life safety and leads resource development and advocacy efforts for members. Meghan also manages the Quality Award Program's review process based on the Baldrige Excellence Framework. Prior to joining AHCA/NCAL, she worked in the business office of a Pennsylvania skilled nursing facility.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Nursing home and assisted living administrators, environmental services managers, maintenance staff, and all others involved with life safety code and emergency preparedness.

