

## 42 C.F.R. § 485.62

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### Condition of participation: Physical environment.

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The facility must provide a physical environment that protects the health and safety of patients, personnel, and the public.

(a) *Standard: Safety and comfort of patients.* The physical premises of the facility and those areas of its surrounding physical structure that are used by the patients (including at least all stairwells, corridors and passageways) must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Applicable Federal, State, and local building, fire, and safety codes must be met.
- (2) Fire extinguishers must be easily accessible and fire regulations must be prominently posted.
- (3) A fire alarm system with local (in-house) capability must be functional, and where power is generated by electricity, an alternate power source with automatic triggering must be present.

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