



Standards Update:

Facility Maintenance CA-ASE 4

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Issue: Revised Standard, New Interpretation, Deleted NA

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Discussion: Based on research and response from the field, this Standard has been revised, an Interpretation has been added, and an NA has been deleted. This Standards Update applies to all organisations whose Accreditation Agreement has been received by COA on or following December 1, 2007. For all other organisations, this Standards Update is optional.

Revised Standard

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All facilities in which the organisation operates are properly maintained through:

- a. regular inspections and preventive maintenance by a qualified professional;
- b. a monthly review of the physical plant's heating, fire extinguishers, fire safety, lighting, and other systems;
- c. a review of vehicle safety inspections;
- d. installation of window guards, where necessary; and
- e. quick responses to emergency maintenance issues and potentially hazardous conditions.



Original Standard

CA-ASE 4

The organisation ~~conducts and documents:~~

- a. regular inspections and preventive maintenance by a qualified professional;
- b. a monthly review of the physical plant's heating, fire extinguishers, fire safety, lighting, and other systems;
- c. a review of vehicle safety inspections;
- d. installation of window guards, where necessary; and
- e. quick responses to emergency maintenance issues and potentially hazardous conditions.

New Interpretation

Some or all of the above activities may be conducted by the landlord if the organisation is a tenant in all its facilities. In such instances, the organisation must be able to demonstrate that it monitors and documents the completion of elements (a) through (e) to provide a safe environment for people to work and receive services.

Deleted NA

~~Element (a): The organisation is a tenant in all its facilities.~~