



JOB DESCRIPTION HOSPITAL LIFE SAFETY CONSULTANT

Position Summary

This is a full-time position with Accreditation Resource Services (ARS), a division of the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ). The life safety consultant participates as part of a survey team that:

- Assesses acute care and critical access hospitals throughout the United States and its territories for compliance to the applicable requirements of the NFPA Life Safety Code and Joint Commission environment of care standards.
- Reviews hospital policies, procedures, the care environment, fire system and utility system maintenance records, life safety drawings, and other accreditation related activities to assure that hospitals meet minimum standards of care.
- Develops and issues verbal and written reports outlining deficient practices in hospitals and communicates those findings both to the hospital and to the central office at CIHQ-ARS.
- Maintains a professional and collegial demeanor in all interactions.
- Complies fully with CIHQ-ARS policies and procedures.

Minimum Qualifications

- Certified professional engineer, or certified fire marshal, or equivalent training and education
- At least 3 – 5 years of experience as a hospital engineer or facility safety officer
- Successful completion of CIHQ' surveyor training program
- Strong working knowledge of the NPFA Life Safety Code for hospitals
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Other Requirements

- Must have an annual influenza vaccination throughout affiliation
- Must pass a criminal background check prior to affiliation
- Must provide evidence of a current urine drug screen clearance prior to affiliation

Physical, Cognitive, and Environmental Demands

The demands described below are representative of those that must be met by an incumbent to perform essential job-specific functions.

- Substantial physical activity such as walking and climbing, lifting up to 25 pounds, and sitting for prolonged periods. Substantial use of fine motor skills for reading, writing, and computer work
- Cognitive ability to multi-task; understand and express concepts and ideas; communicate clearly and understandably in both verbal and written form.
- Able to work in hospital environments, and don appropriate protective equipment as required

Availability Requirements

Must be available to survey at least one week per month

Travel Requirements

This position requires extensive travel throughout the United States and its territories. Overnight travel is required. Travel may occur for up to 90% of a scheduled work-week. Travel may occur for up to 3 weeks in a row.

Compensation

Annual salary of \$100,000. Non-benefited position.

Approved:

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