

# Russell Phillips & Associates, LLC

## Fire and Emergency Management for Healthcare Facilities

### Fire Safety/Surgical Fires for Ambulatory Surgery Centers

*"It turns out, that surgical fires are at least five times as common as once thought, affecting between 550 and 650 patients a year." Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System, September 25, 2008 (MSNBC article)*

**Russell Phillips & Associates** works with more than 1,300 healthcare facilities and has been providing OR fire training services since 1976. Our program offers you:

1. **Fire Plan Design** including a fire protection survey of the building with a plan outlining roles and responsibilities of the surgical team during a fire, suite evacuation, facility evacuation, etc.
2. **Realistic Training** in an actual fire scenario, which has proven to be most effective in preparing staff and reducing the chance for the loss of life in a real fire. The training will focus on:
  - A. *Fire Prevention:* What is causing surgical fires and how do we prevent them?
  - B. *Fire Suppression:* What are the steps you should take to suppress airway, surgical site and surgical drape fires?
  - C. *OR & Facility Evacuation:* What are the critical actions to be taken by staff upon discovery of a fire and during OR or facility evacuation?
  - D. *Practical:* This exercise will assist staff in becoming more familiar with their individual roles in the fire suppression and evacuation process. This program will involve all staff in performing **realistic fire suppression** on a mock patient.



### *Life Safety/ Joint Commission Statement of Conditions™ (SOC)*

This survey is completed to ensure that the building and its inherent fire protection features will protect the lives of patients and staff during a fire. We will provide services for assessing and updating a comprehensive SOC based on the *NFPA 101®* (2000 Edition).

1. Initial Education - Appropriate staff will be involved in the survey and our consultant will educate them on the life safety code issues and benefits within their facility.
2. Life Safety Assessment - We will conduct a wall-to-wall inspection of your facility, utilizing this information to update the required documentation. We will provide a briefing of our findings to address red flag issues or review items that will require unique remediation.
3. Documentation - We will complete all documentation, filled out, uploaded and ready to present to The Joint Commission. The Plan for Improvement document will include the finalized deficiency resolution plan and estimated costs for each correction. *The facility is ONLY responsible to input time frame to complete the corrections and budgetary information (additional documentation may be required for AAAHC.)*

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