



## Environment of Care & Life Safety

This educational activity is jointly provided by AXIS Medical Education and the North Carolina Healthcare Association



**\*A new module to this program discusses environmental risk assessment strategies for behavioral health populations.**

This one-day program will provide valuable information for those responsible for creating the Environment of Care and Life Safety programs and who must understand the Joint Commission survey methodology and recent changes to the standards. Information will be provided so attendees can implement a practical, continuously compliant program to achieve maximum performance while effectively preparing for unscheduled Joint Commission and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services surveys. Attendees will also receive guidance to understand and interpret the most serious deficiencies commonly found in surveys. Sufficient time will also be provided for questions and discussion.

**Objectives:** At the conclusion of this program, participants should be able to:

- ▶ Describe the process changes related to the Statement of Conditions and Plan for Improvement.
- ▶ Identify the structure of The Joint Commission, Hospital Accreditation Program Environment of Care and Life Safety standards.
- ▶ Explain the content and requirements of the Environment of Care standards and the administrative requirements of the Life Safety Chapters.
- ▶ Recall the recent changes to the Environment of Care and Life Safety chapters and determine key program management requirements within those chapters.
- ▶ Identify strategies to use The Joint Commission standards as a framework for effective program management.

**Target Audience:** This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of hospital and health system accreditation and regulatory compliance officers, safety directors/officers, risk managers, quality management and performance improvement directors. Also, facility and engineering managers, nurses, infection control practitioners, and administrative and clinical staff who are responsible for or who manage others with Environment of Care and Life Safety responsibilities.

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## Faculty

**Mark Shamash**, MS, HEM, CHSP, President of **Safety and Disaster Solutions, Inc.**, is a Certified Healthcare Safety Professional and Healthcare Environmental Manager.

Mark holds a Master of Science degree in Safety Management and consults with over 400 healthcare facilities providing services ranging from Environment of Care mock surveys, infection prevention, life safety surveys, emergency management and continuous readiness support. He also provides training, planning and assistance in implementing operational programs for Life Safety, Emergency Management, Infection Prevention and Environment of Care.

Mark has over 21 years of experience in the safety and healthcare field and has also coordinated infection prevention research studies and white paper reviews; he is an instructor with ECRI Institute's Center for Healthcare Environmental Management and Infection Control Risk Assessment programs.

Mark Shamash services are being provided in cooperation with Kent & Associates, Asheville, North Carolina ([www.kentandassociates.biz](http://www.kentandassociates.biz))

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## Agenda

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Welcome/Introductions</b> <b>Joint Commission, CMS, Project REFRESH, the Standards Structure</b>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Environment of Care Chapter</b>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Environment of Care Chapter (continued)</b>
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Group Lunch
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Environment of Care Chapter (continued)</b>
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Behavioral Health related to the Environment of Care</b>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm	<b>Life Safety Chapter</b>
4:15 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Using Joint Commission Standards as a Framework for Effective Program Management</b>
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Questions / Adjournment</b>

## Fees and Registration

The registration fee for this program is **\$195 for NCHA members** (full-time employees of NCHA hospitals and health systems) and **\$295 for non-members**. The fee covers all handout materials, refreshment breaks, lunch and administrative costs.

Register by **Nov. 28** at: <https://members.ncha.org/Education-Events/Registration?meetingid=8d51aa42-0ac7-e811-80fb-000d3a01109b&>

Meeting Cancellation: Cancellations received through Nov. 28 will incur a \$50 processing fee. After this date, refunds cannot be accepted but substitutions will be accepted.

## Questions?

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## Conference Facility and Accommodations:

Marriott Raleigh Crabtree Valley Hotel  
4500 Marriott Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
919-781-7000  
[www.raleighmarriott.com](http://www.raleighmarriott.com)

To make your hotel reservations, call the Raleigh Marriott and request the **NCHA conference room rate of \$159**.

The cut-off date for this discounted block of rooms is Nov. 21.

## Continuing Education Credits



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## Credit Designation for Nursing

AXIS Medical Education designates this continuing nursing education activity for **7.0 contact hours**. Learners are advised that accredited status does not imply endorsement by the provider or ANCC of any commercial products displayed in conjunction with an activity. A general certificate of participation will also be available for **7.0 hours**.

## AXIS Contact Information

For information about the accreditation of this program please contact AXIS at [info@axismeded.org](mailto:info@axismeded.org).

## Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

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Name of Faculty or Presenter	Reported Financial Relationship
Mark Shamash, MS, HEM, CHSP	Nothing to disclose

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Name of Planner/Manager	Reported Financial Relationship
James Hayes	Nothing to disclose
Holly M. Hampe, D.Sc., RN, MHA, MRM	Nothing to disclose
Dee Morgillo, MEd., MT (ASCP), CHCP	Nothing to disclose

### Disclaimer

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### Requirements for credit:

- Attend/participate in the educational activity and review all course materials.
- Complete the CE Declaration form online by December 30, 2018 at 11:59 pm ET. Instructions will be provided. If you do not enter the online portal by the above date, you will not be able to retrieve your statement of participation.
- Upon successful completion of the online form, your statement of completion will be presented to you to print.



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