

insights



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Joint Commission Tip: Physical environment standards.



Joint Commission has grouped the standards for both Life Safety and Environment of Care under a new, unified category of Physical Environment rather than keeping them separate. Our day-to-day processes for Life Safety and Environment of Care will continue with the understanding that **Physical Environment includes:**

- Fire and life safety protection systems (fire alarm, sprinklers, fire doors, smoke compartments, exits/egress).
- Interim Life Safety Measures (ILSM) when systems or building features are impaired.
- Utility systems management (power, emergency power, medical gas, HVAC, water systems).
- Routine safety rounds and hazard identification.
- Preventive maintenance and inspection/testing documentation.
- Hazardous materials and waste handling.
- Construction and renovation controls and risk mitigation (including ILSM and infection prevention coordination).

If you see any physical environment issue, such as a blocked exit, damaged ceiling tile, door that will not latch, water leak, unusual odors, or temperature concerns:

- Report it immediately through the appropriate work order process.
- Inform your leader.

Remember, timely reporting and follow-up help ensure a safe environment for patients, visitors, and associates.

Save the dates for Town Halls.

E Town Halls return this spring at MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital and MedStar Union Memorial Hospital. Save the date to attend a session and hear the latest news about our hospitals.

- **MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital | Parker 3 and 4**
 - Tuesday, Apr. 28 | 8 a.m.
 - Tuesday, Apr. 28 | 2 p.m.
 - Tuesday, May 5 | 3 p.m.
- **MedStar Union Memorial Hospital | Dr. Stuart B. Bell Conference Center**
 - Wednesday, Apr. 29 | 11 a.m.
 - Wednesday, Apr. 29 | 2 p.m.
 - Monday, May 4 | 8 a.m.

Baltimore magazine's Top Doctor nominations are open.

MedStar Health is home to many top doctors. We want everyone to know, but we need our physicians to help, as only doctors can submit nominations for themselves or others. The form looks different than in years past, but the nominations are quick and easy. You can nominate a maximum of three people



per specialty and up to 20 physicians across all specialties...even yourself! If you aren't nominated, you will not be listed.



Please visit baltimoremagazine.com/promotions/top-doctors-nominations-2026/ or access the survey via

the QR code and **complete the online survey by Sunday, May 31, 2026.** Answers to frequently asked questions can also be found on this site. Don't miss your chance to be recognized!

myVoice Survey starts Wednesday, Apr. 22.

HR The myVoice Survey runs **Wednesday, Apr. 22, to Wednesday, May 6.** With the goal of 50% participation at both MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital and MedStar Union Memorial Hospital, all associates are encouraged to share their voice by completing the survey that will be sent by **Microsoft Viva Glint** to your MedStar Health email or via a QR code provided on survey materials.

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