**3.03 Environmental Care Standards Agencies Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Handout Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Agency** | **Function/Service** |
| American Society for Healthcare Environment of the American Hospital Association (ASHE) | * optimizes the healthcare physical environment
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| The Joint Commission (JCAHO) | * operates voluntary accreditation programs for hospitals and other healthcare services
* certifies hospitals that meet the conditions for reimbursement under the federal Medicare program
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| [National Fire Protection Association](http://www.nfpa.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) (NFPA) | * establishes codes, standards, guidelines, and recommended practices for the prevention and control of fire
* the authority on fire, electrical and building safety
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| [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) (CDC) | * develops and applies guidelines for: -disease prevention and control -environmental health -health promotion and education activities
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| Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)  | * administers Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program
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| Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities | * provides both healthcare providers and facility designers with guidance on good practice and trends in the design and construction of healthcare facilities
* The Joint Commission uses this document as a reference standard when reviewing plans, accrediting new facilities and developing their own codes.
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| [Occupational Safety & Healthcare Administration](http://www.osha.gov/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) (OSHA) | * creates and implements job safety standards
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| [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](http://www.epa.gov/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) (EPA) | * imposes standards to protect the environment and public health from hazardous materials and other pollutants
* Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Medical Waste Incineration, and Underground Storage Tanks
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| [Food and Drug Administration](http://www.fda.gov/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) (FDA) | * supervises the development, testing, and monitoring of food and drug products and medical equipment
* requires the healthcare agency to take corrective action to protect the safety and well-being of patients, staff, and visitors whenever information on a hazardous product is brought to the facility's attention
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| U. S. Pharmacopeia (USP) | * non-government, official public standards-setting authority for all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, dietary supplements, and other healthcare products manufactured and sold in the United States
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