**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 |
| 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 |
| [National Fire Protection Association](http://www.nfpa.org/" \t "_blank) (NFPA) | * establishes codes, standards, guidelines, and recommended practices for the prevention and control of fire * the authority on fire, electrical and building safety |
| [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov/" \t "_blank) (CDC) | * develops and applies guidelines for: -disease prevention and control -environmental health -health promotion and education activities |
| Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) | * administers Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program |
| 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. |
| [Occupational Safety & Healthcare Administration](http://www.osha.gov/" \t "_blank) (OSHA) | * creates and implements job safety standards |
| [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](http://www.epa.gov/" \t "_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 |
| [Food and Drug Administration](http://www.fda.gov/" \t "_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 |
| 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 |