



# UPDATED LIFE SAFETY CODE INSPECTION GUIDELINES

This presentation covers the following questions:

- What is a COC?
- Who does the fire inspection?
- How often is a fire inspection completed?
- What about plan review?
- Who do I contact if I have questions?



# WHAT IS A COC?????

COC = Certificate of Compliance

This is what the Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) sends to CDPHE indicating that your facility meets the requirements of the Life Safety Code, Fire Code and or Building Code



# COC INFORMATION

- COC's are issued to CDPHE after all fire inspection deficiencies are corrected
  - The deficiencies can be from either a DFPC inspection or local fire department inspection
- COC's are sent to DPHE licensing department
- CDPHE sends a copy of the COC with the license renewal
- What does it look like??????



# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE



Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention and Control  
690 Kipling Street #2000  
Denver CO 80215

**DATE ISSUED:** September 26, 2013      **EXPIRATION:** September 30, 2016

**FACILITY NAME:** Test Facility 1

**LOCATION:** 1234 Main Street

**CITY:** Anywhere      **ZIP:** 80000

**FACILITY ID:** 123456

**OCCUPANCY TYPE:** Assisted Living      **CONSTRUCTION TYPE:** Type V (111) (V-A)

**SECURED UNIT:** YES

**OCCUPANT LOAD:** 123      **Square Footage:** 12345

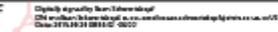
**BUILDING OFFICIAL:** LOCAL JURISDICTION      **CODE EDITION:** LOCALLY ADOPTED CODES

**FIRE OFFICIAL:** LOCAL JURISDICTION      **CODE EDITION:** 2012 IFC

**LIFE SAFETY OFFICIAL:** DFPC      **CODE EDITION:** 2012 NFPA 101 CHAPTER 39

**PORTION OF BUILDING IN COMPLIANCE:** Portion of building in compliance. IE: entire building, basement only, first floor only, secured unit only

- The location indicated above is in conformance with the certification requirements for facilities participating in Federal Medicare and/or Medicaid programs.
- The location indicated above is in conformance with standards adopted by the Director of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention and Control for licensure through Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

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**TITLE:** RESIDENTIAL CARE SUPERVISOR

This certificate will be valid until the last day of the month that the certificate expires. This certificate will expire if the health facility license issued by the State of Colorado is voluntarily surrendered or revoked for non-compliance not associated with building or fire codes and standards.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This Certificate of Compliance verifies that Life Safety Code requirements have been met. This Certificate does not indicate approvals to operate a health facility. A license issued from the Colorado Department of Public Health must be issued prior to beginning operation as a health facility. It is unlawful to establish, maintain or operate a health facility entity without first having obtained a license.



# WHO COMPLETES MY INSPECTION??????

It Depends.....

- Are you and ACF (receive federal funding)?  
or
- Are you a private pay facility?  
or
- Does your local fire department complete inspections?



# WHO COMPLETES MY INSPECTION IF I AM AN ACF FACILITY???

- DFPC (Division of Fire Prevention and Control) will complete an inspection sometime within a 3 year timeframe.
- This is due to federal reimbursement requirements.
- Your local fire department may also have a concurrent inspection.



# WHO COMPLETES MY INSPECTION IF I AM A PRIVATE PAY FACILITY???

Does my local fire department complete an inspection?

➤ YES

➤ Is the inspector certified as a fire inspector 1 at a minimum (through ICC or NFPA)

➤ YES

➤ DFPC will not complete an inspection. DFPC will ask for a copy of the inspection record from the facility indicating the fire department inspection

➤ NO

➤ DFPC will complete an inspection sometime within a 3 year timeframe



# WHO COMPLETES MY INSPECTION IF I AM A PRIVATE PAY FACILITY???

- Does my local fire department complete an inspection?
  - NO
    - DFPC will conduct an inspection sometime within a 3 year timeframe
  
- What if my fire department completes a yearly inspection and the inspector is NOT certified as a fire inspector I?????
  - DFPC will complete the fire inspection sometime within a 3 year timeframe



# INSPECTIONS AND BEING IN COMPLIANCE

Very Important

➤ ALL DEFICIENCIES MUST BE CORRECTED ON ANY INSPECTION RECORD.

- If you have a local fire department inspection and they write that something is deficient-you must submit documentation stating that this has been corrected.
  - It can be invoices, re-inspection form, or any other documentation showing items have been repaired or fixed
- If DFPC writes a deficiency
  - Items must be submitted indicating items have been corrected



# BEING IN COMPLIANCE

IF YOU DO NOT CORRECT ALL DEFICIENCIES YOU ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE

THEREFORE

CDPHE DOES NOT RECEIVE AN UPDATED COC (Certificate of Compliance)

THEREFORE

YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE AN UPDATED LICENSE



# COST OF INSPECTION

- The cost of receiving a COC is \$500.00 per year
- Failure to pay will result in a suspension of your COC-which will be a suspension of your license



# PLAN REVIEW

## Limited Scope Projects

- Limited-Scope projects are being written and will be updated frequently. As of today these are the items listed in a limited scope project.
  - Projects that are written during an inspection and are less than \$5,000.00
  - Replacement of doors (that are NOT fire rated doors) and door hardware ( that are NOT delayed egress , access control hardware, or locking devices)
  - Replacement of windows
  - Installation of new carpet, tile, wallpaper, painting etc.
  - Installation or replacement of ramps NOT require by code unless they exceed a 1:20 slope
  - Installation or alteration of DETACHED open air structures. IE: sheds, covered patios, pergolas, gazebos etc.
  - Replacement of sprinkler heads (as long as it does not alter the hydraulic calculated system)
  - Installation of fewer than 4 alarm devices on a fire alarm system
  - Installation of Carbon Monoxide detectors
  - Replacement lighting
  - Replacement or modification of an existing generator
  - Replacement of Heating and Cooling equipment
  
- This is a partial list. Please watch the website for updates



# PLAN REVIEW

- Plan review still stands and you **MUST** have a permit before starting work
  - It is no longer a “build at own risk” and then go through plan review. You must have a permit before you start the work
  - Plan ahead—we do not give out “counter permits” at this time.
    - Time frames — anticipate a 6-8 week lead time for permits at this time. This will decrease in the future
- If you need to go through DFPC for building or fire plan review – it depends on your local jurisdiction (fire and building) and if they are “qualified” to do the plan review **AND** if you receive federal funding for care



# PLAN REVIEW

Once again ask yourself????

- Will I be an ACF or Private Pay facility?
  - I will be an ACF
    - DFPC must conduct plan review as well as your local building and fire department
  - I will be a private pay facility
    - Does my fire department
      - 1) complete plan review
      - 2) are qualified to complete plan review (see below)
        - If NO – DFPC will conduct plan review
        - If YES – Is the plan reviewer certified as a Plans Examiner or Inspector III through NFPA or ICC
          - If NO-then DFPC must complete plan review
          - If YES-DFPC must be notified prior to construction



# INFORMATION

[www.dfpc.state.co.us](http://www.dfpc.state.co.us)

Check the website frequently for updated information

All forms are on the website-

including-plan review forms, emergency rules, etc.

There may be some glitches-this is a new website and we are working on fixing these issues as we find them

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