

Survey & Certification Group  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)  
Emergency Preparedness Regulation

***Technical Correction(s) Notice***

**Q:** "I believe there is a typo on Page 64033, §483.475(d) where it notes §483.470(h) - I believe it should read §483.470(i)."

**A:** Correct, there is a typo. The standard for evacuation drills is located at 483.470(i), not (h).

**Q:** The CAH standard at §485.625(e)(2) is missing a "maintenance" requirement for power systems. However, the same standard for hospitals and LTC facilities contains a "maintenance" requirement for power systems. Was this a technical mistake? Should CAHs also be required to "maintain" power systems?

**A:** Correct, there was an omission. §485.625(e)(2) should state, The CAH must implement emergency power system inspection, testing and *maintenance* requirements found in the Health Care Facilities Code, NFPA 110, and the Life Safety Code.

***Examples of Table-Top Exercises (TTX) or Full-Scale Exercises***

**Q:** Some providers have asked CMS to provide examples for what exercises facilities should consider.

**A:** The training and exercise requirements of the regulation call for individual-facility and/or full-scale community-based exercises, the below are some examples of exercise considerations:

- Earthquakes
- Tornados
- Hurricane
- Flooding
- Fires
- Cyber Security Attack
- Single-Facility Disaster (power-outage)
- Medical Surge (i.e. community disaster leading to influx of patients)
- Infectious Disease Outbreak
- Active Shooter