



**Fire Door Solutions**, headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas is excited to introduce its dynamic duo of Debra Jodry and Jennifer O’Connell as an integral part of its all-things-life-safety solution. An imminent Joint Commission survey (or like-CMS deemed status survey) can strike fear and unrest in even the most confident of hospital executives. On the other hand, there is nothing like the peace knowing you are in full compliance and that you are survey-ready when the Joint Commission arrives on site. It’s that **peace through compliance™** that Debra and Jennifer bring to **Life Safety Compliance Solutions’** healthcare clients.

Debra and Jennifer, representing **Life Safety Compliance Solutions** with their team’s over 100-years of healthcare compliance experience, coupled with the inspection and remediation resources of **Fire Door Solutions**, offer a holistic and comprehensive approach to compliance. It’s easy for Facility Directors to get lulled into a false sense of security by only focusing on the issues found in their last survey. They know that codes and the interpretation of those codes by AHJ’s can be confusing. The duo helps create clarity toward compliance through **mock surveys and life safety assessments** that translate the Codes and requirements into actionable work plans. And **Fire Door Solutions** can deliver industry-leading inspection, remediation, software, and documentation to close the loop for client compliance.

If these two have a passion, it’s being the trusted healthcare compliance resource that is just a phone call away. “Rapport and trust” are their collective watchwords as they bring **peace through compliance™** to their hundreds of healthcare clients. To speak with Debra or Jennifer or for more information about **Life Safety Compliance Solutions** and any of our healthcare compliance services, please visit [www.lifesafetycs.com](http://www.lifesafetycs.com) or call (855) 714-3473.

# Peace Through Compliance



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### Finding Peace and Proficiency in the Wake of a Regulatory Compliance

An imminent survey by The Joint Commission can strike fear and panic even among the bravest. Regulatory code changes can happen quickly, yet healthcare facilities are expected to be aware and to comply. The stress in these situations can damage the culture in a healthcare facility and can cause health problems for those accountable, and has generated unforeseen turnover in key facility and life safety functions. Debra Jodry, CHSP, and Jennifer O'Connell have each seen it all: facility directors who have been so concerned about the outcome of such surveys that they've actually had heart attacks.

The goal of Life Safety Compliance Solutions, (LSCS), is to bring peace through proven compliance practice, comprehensive understanding of regulatory code, and a well-trained eye toward both problems and relevant solutions. The combined LSCS team brings over 100 years of healthcare experience to the task, delivering mock surveys, performing Life Safety assessments, updating Life Safety drawings, and building true partnership with clients.

"I love the concept that after we've worked with a client, they are more at ease," says O'Connell, Chief Executive Officer and Fire Protection Engineer for Life Safety Consortium, LLC, a partner in the Life Safety Compliance Solutions "a turnkey answer" for all things Life Safety. "They know we'll be there to help, and to make sure they're taken care of. Our clients have so much on their plates already. In these types of situations, we are a trusted resource."



### A 'Holistic' Approach

In addition to the challenge of already-full plates, many facility directors are faced with a lack of institutional knowledge and familiarity as older generations retire. This is where the assistance of a trusted consultant can be especially helpful, says Jodry, Executive Vice President of Life Safety Compliance Solutions. Standards set by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and applied by accrediting surveyors can be confusing and difficult to comprehend. It's tempting for facility directors to pick and choose specific areas or focus on issues that might raise a red flag. And it's easy, Jodry says, to find consultants who can point out what's wrong—sometimes without even coming to the facility. "They can tell you what they have found, but not give you an action plan or resource options on how to get you into compliance." "We take a much more holistic approach."

Mock surveys by Life Safety Compliance Solutions consider testing-related documentation, evidence of fire drills, review of medical gas reports, Environment of Care (EOC) management plans, EOC minutes, annual evaluations and effectiveness reviews, and much more. Life Safety Consortium, assesses all floors and facilities in their life safety assessments. (continued on back)



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### A 'Holistic' Approach continued

"We go into every room that we possibly can that doesn't have a patient in it," O'Connell says. "It's very important that we look at everything, and make sure the facility is doing what it should be doing from a codes standpoint. That information is then turned into graphical representation of Life Safety Code requirements, applicable for both the present as well as future renovations and plans.

"Once an assessment is performed," O'Connell says, "we become part of your compliance team. We have clients that contact us regularly, and that's what we want. We're here to support them, and they understand that. In addition to the mock surveys, assessments, and other services, the Life Safety Compliance Solutions team provides onsite Life Safety Compliance coordinators to manage day-to-day Life Safety activities, as well as training. The "4C Academy" focuses on Coaching, Codes, Compliance and Curriculum to keep facility directors and others abreast of practical applications and changes.

### Understanding, Security, and Trust

Over the years, both Jodry and O'Connell say, numerous relationships have been fostered with The Joint Commission and other accrediting agencies, helping them stay up to date. In addition, they've become experts on "translating" the code and its intent, which can be hard to understand. It's easy to see why many facility directors are overwhelmed by the idea of taking on the challenges alone. But the opposite can also happen: these directors can be lulled into a false sense of security because they haven't taken a comprehensive approach. Regardless, Jodry, O'Connell, and the other members of their team stand ready to deliver peace and proficiency in the midst of the stress. "It really is about building rapport and trust," Jodry says. "We build relationships that stand the test of time—all while ensuring facilities remain survey-ready. When the facility experiences a successful survey, we all feel a sense of accomplishment; we know they have taken what we have identified, and implemented the corrective measures necessary to become compliant."



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