



#### Goal of NOSHE Advocacy:

Support the NOSHE local and the ASHE National Advocacy Highway, the two-way means of communication between NOSHE advocacy leaders and advocacy liaisons in state and local ASHE-affiliated chapters

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The Advocacy Highway has been established by ASHE originally and is NOSHE's affiliated response to a proliferation of health care regulations that may have confusing and contradictory provisions, which sometimes lead to confusing and contradictory interpretations and implementation in health care facilities. The Advocacy Highway is a two-way communications network between NOSHE staff and NOSHE members, NOSHE Advocacy liaisons, and other health professionals with regulatory issues. The exchange of this vital information is essential to ensure that existing and proposed health care regulations are arrived at through a consensus of all interested parties, and that these regulations achieve the desired objective of effectively providing safe facilities without overburdening facilities with costly regulations that do not provide added levels of safety.

ASHE sends notice of new or impending regulations or their interpretations to ASHE members and the advocacy liaisons from each ASHE Chapter, who can distribute the information to their chapter members. In addition, ASHE will use this information in national code reform initiatives as validation of contradictory and/or confusing regulations.

The Advocacy Highway has a goal as being a place to get accurate, up-to-date information on health care code compliance issues. We rely on NOSHE member's expertise, and ASHE members who participate in committees, task forces, and advisory groups for a wide variety of code- and guidance-setting bodies, including NFPA, the Joint Commission, CDC, FGI, and OSHA, among others. With those contacts and close ties, where better to get straight answers to the hard questions? You can email NOSHE as attached or use the National ASHE "Just Ask ASHE" your primary source for honest, accurate, and clear information on code requirements and expectations.

#### **How do I Ask NOSHE?**

Provide as much specific information as possible, so we can provide you with a specific answer. We will then get to work to find the right person with the right answer to your question.

Please email [twhitehead@whgardiner](mailto:twhitehead@whgardiner) and put NOSHE Advocacy in the email subject line to get started with answering your question.

#### **How do I Ask ASHE?**

Or use the following link <http://www.ashe.org/advocacy/highway> and utilize Just Ask ASHE if the question needs to consider an answer from multiple chapters (or has national implications).

In the complex, confusing, contradictory world of health care code compliance, there is a single place to go to tap into a world of knowledge—Just Ask ASHE.

Note: This service is not intended to replace your occasional need for health care consultants, planners, or design engineers. Organization-specific questions will not be accepted. Not sure whether your question falls under this heading? Go ahead and ask; if it does, we will let you know.