Do ILSM apply to small renovation projects in hospitals?

THE DIRECT ANSWER

Yes — if the project affects life safety features. ILSM has no minimum project size, no dollar threshold, and no "too small to matter" exemption. A two-day project that takes a smoke barrier offline or blocks an egress path triggers the same assessment requirement as a six-month wing renovation. The only question the standard asks is whether fire and life safety protections are degraded .

WHAT "SMALL" PROJECTS TRIGGER ILSM

- Replacing a smoke door or door hardware on a rated opening
- Above-ceiling work that penetrates a smoke or fire barrier
- Taking a sprinkler zone or detector loop offline for a tie-in
- Temporarily blocking a corridor for equipment staging
- Hot work (welding, cutting) in or near occupied areas
- Any work generating dust or debris in egress paths

PROPORTIONAL RESPONSE, NOT EXEMPTION

- "Applies" doesn't mean "all eleven measures for a four-hour job." The ILSM assessment is case-by-case and proportional : a half-day barrier penetration might need only a documented assessment, a fire watch during the impairment, and verification of firestop restoration — not quarterly.

FIELD QUESTION

Is there a minimum project size for ILSM?

No. There is no square-footage, dollar, or duration threshold in the standard.

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