What are the most common Joint Commission findings in hospitals?

THE DIRECT ANSWER

What this page covers: which hospital standards Joint Commission and CMS cite most often, and how facilities teams should use that list to prioritize EOC and life safety fixes. Who it is for: facility, safety, and accreditation leaders deciding what to fix before the next survey.

WHAT THE CITATION DATA ACTUALLY SHOWS

- Patient rights: care in a safe setting — 267 citations (about 5% of hospitals)
- RN supervision of nursing care — 257 citations
- Patient rights (general) — 208 citations
- Supervision of contract staff — 203 citations
- Infection control surveillance and prevention — 62 citations

WHY FACILITIES LEADERS SHOULD READ THIS LIST DIFFERENTLY

- Fire protection and suppression systems not maintained and tested (EC.02.03.05)
- Ventilation systems in critical care areas (EC.02.05.01)
- Medical equipment management gaps
- Ligature and safety risks in behavioral health environments
- Construction-related ILSM failures

FIELD QUESTION

Where does The Joint Commission publish its most-cited standards?

On jointcommission.org under products and services — the "Most-Cited Hospital Standards" page lists current top standards with linked improvement resources.

From Healthcare Facility Hub - free, like everything on the site. The full article is at the link below.

Caution: codes, editions, and targets vary by facility and authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). Figures marked as common practice are facility targets, not code requirements. Confirm against your AHJ and the current code text before acting.