

SMOKING MATERIALS

The Life Safety Code requires ashtrays of noncombustible material and safe design and metal containers with self-closing cover devices into which ashtrays can be emptied be available to all areas where smoking is permitted. This applies to both indoor and outdoor designated smoking areas.

Our office has continued to receive questions about the use of the smoking “outposts”. These are the barrel shaped, noncombustible containers with the tall tapered neck into which cigarettes can be disposed.

Prior directions to our office had always indicated that these products were not acceptable for use in meeting the requirements of the Life Safety Code at designated smoking areas. CMS recently indicated that the “outposts” are approved and can be used to meet the Life Safety Code requirements for ashtrays and the containers into which the ashtrays are emptied.

Therefore, we will accept the use of the smoking “outposts” at designated outdoor smoking areas.