

## Standards Revisions Related to the Life Safety Code for Office-Based Surgery Accreditation Programs

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### Standard EC.02.05.01

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#### Element(s) of Performance for EC.02.05.01

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