

Standard Operating Procedure

All exterior sidewalks will be inspected on an annual basis for unsafe conditions.

Purpose

To ensure that all exterior walks are free of tripping hazards and to promote accessibility.

Procedure

- 1. Annual inspections of all exterior patient areas will be performed by the Hospital Safety Committee's Hazard Surveillance Team and all safety deficiencies will be documented and forwarded to the Grounds Manager for review and appropriate action.
- 2. Annual inspections of all remaining exterior walks, not identified in item #1 above, will be performed by the Grounds Manager or designee.
- 3. Routes designated for the disabled shall be maintained to meet ADA standards.
- 4. Any exterior walk which has heaved or settled creating a height difference of greater than one inch (1") with adjoining surfaces will be repaired or replaced as needed.
- 5. Any loose or unstable walks will be repaired.
- 6. Should an unsafe condition exist, the grounds crew will install appropriate barricades or warning devices until needed repairs are made.