

The Southeast Healthcare Compliance Guide

Navigating NFPA 80, AHCA, and State-Specific Mandates

The High Stakes of Life Safety

In the Southeast healthcare corridor, compliance is moving from a “check-the-box” activity to a high-stakes clinical priority. With the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and Joint Commission increasing their focus on passive fire protection, the “gap” in your fire door assemblies is more than a safety risk—it is a financial and operational liability.

The Compliance Landscape (NFPA 80, 101, & 105)

Understanding the “Three Pillars” of door safety is essential for any facility director.

NFPA

80

The standard for fire doors and other opening protectives. It dictates that annual inspections are **mandatory**, not optional.

NFPA

101

(Life Safety Code®): Focuses on egress. A fire door that doesn't latch or open correctly is a direct violation of the Life Safety Code.

NFPA

105

The often-overlooked standard for smoke door assemblies.

Bicoastal Fire Door Compliance inspectors don't just look for fire ratings; we evaluate the entire assembly to ensure it meets the intersection of all three codes.



The Southeast Difference (FL, GA, AL)

Why is being a healthcare facility in the Southeast different?

- **Florida (AHCA):** Florida remains one of the most rigorous states in the nation. AHCA surveyors are notorious for “deep dives” into door clearances and latching hardware.
- **Georgia & Alabama:** Rapidly adopting more stringent “Building Code Adherence” that mirrors federal mandates.
- **The Climate Factor:** Humidity in the Southeast affects door expansion, hardware corrosion, and seal integrity. A “Pass” in January may be a “Fail” in December.

The 45% Gap: The #1 Source of Citations

Statistical data shows:

Nearly

45% of all Life Safety citations in healthcare settings involve fire door deficiencies.

Why? Because doors are high-traffic assets.

The Reality: Most facilities rely on “In-House” maintenance. However, without CFDAI-certified expertise, small issues—like a 1/16” gap overage or a non-listed hinge screw—are missed until the AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction) arrives.

The Digital Paper Trail

In a modern survey, “If it isn’t documented, it didn’t happen.” Bicoastal solves the “documentation headache” through:



Live Record-Keeping: No more dusty binders. Digital logs are accessible 24/7.



Asset Management: Every door is tagged and tracked as a unique asset with its own history of inspections and repairs.



AHJ Satisfaction: We provide the exact format that Joint Commission and AHCA surveyors want to see, significantly reducing survey time and stress.

A Tale of Two Reports

	Average Inspection Company	Bicoastal Fire Door Compliance
Feature	The “Standard” Pass/Fail Report	The Bicoastal Photo-Documented Report
Detail	A simple checklist with “OK” marks.	Line-item detail for all 13 points of NFPA 80.
Evidence	None. Surveyor must take your word.	High-res photos of every deficiency and repair.
Clarity	“Door 104 Failed.”	“Door 104: Gap at head exceeds 1/8”. Correction: Shimming hinges with fire-rated spacers.”
Outcome	Follow-up questions and scrutiny.	Instant trust. The surveyor sees the proof before they even touch the door.

Exceeding Standards, Safeguarding Lives

Bicoastal Fire Door Compliance is more than an inspection company; we are your regional partner in risk mitigation. From the University of Miami Health System to facilities across the Southeast, we ensure you stay Compliant without delay.



Expert fire-rated door inspections, ensuring full NFPA 80 & State compliance.

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