

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CD TRAINING ON “SAFETY AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT” DESIGNED TO HELP BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE ORGNAIZATIONS STAY UP TO THE MINUTE ON STANDARDS**

(Washington, D.C., December 12, 2008)...To help leaders in psychiatric and addiction treatment settings think through the best strategies for reviewing, maintaining, and enhancing the safety of their facilities, the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) is offering a two-hour training on compact disc titled “**Safety and the Built Environment: Helping Behavioral Healthcare Organizations Stay Up to the Minute.**”

The training brings together national experts – including a Joint Commission leader, a former Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) surveyor, and the co-author of the popular *Design Guide for the Built Environment of Behavioral Health Facilities* – to help behavioral healthcare leaders understand current policies. For example, Joint Commission policy now requires a survey of the built environment in onsite surveys. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) draft 2010 hospital standards, which are now out for comment, include behavioral health standards.

The faculty features:

- **David M. Sine, CSP, ARM, CPHRM**, president and founder, SafetyLogic Systems, Austin, TX; co-author of the *Design Guide for the Built Environment of Behavioral Health Facilities: Edition 2.1*
- **George Mills, MBA, FASHE, CEM, CHFM**, senior engineer, Standards Interpretation Group, The Joint Commission, Oakbrook Terrace, IL
- **Mary Frances Colvin, RN, MSN**, nurse consultant, San Francisco, CA; former Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) surveyor from Region X
- Moderator: **Kathleen McCann, RN, PhD**, director of clinical and regulatory affairs, National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, Washington, DC

#### **HOW TO ORDER**

The two-hour training on compact disc is \$250 (or \$175 for NAPHS members). American Express, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted. Go to [www.naphs.org](http://www.naphs.org) to download an order form, or call 202/393-6700, ext. 106.

#### **ABOUT NAPHS**

NAPHS advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable, and clinically effective prevention, treatment, and care for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults with mental and substance use disorders. Its members are behavioral healthcare provider organizations that own or manage more than 600 specialty psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric and addiction treatment units and behavioral healthcare divisions, residential treatment facilities, youth services organizations, and extensive outpatient networks. The association was founded in 1933.

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