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(i) Actually evacuate clients during at least one drill each year on each shift;

Guidance §483.470(i)(2)(i)

All clients totally evacuate the building at least once per year per shift, regardless of the occupancy chapter under which the building falls.

All facilities, regardless of their size require actual evacuation. "Actually evacuate", as used in this standard, applies to all clients. The drills are conducted not only to rehearse the clients and staff for a fire emergency (see §483.470(i)(2)(v)), but for other disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, etc. Such disasters would require the entire occupancy to be evacuated, and, therefore, the actual evacuation must be practiced, as required.