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**Q:** With the implementation of the new 2012 Life Safety Code (effective July 5, 2016, but surveying for compliance begins on November 1, 2016) would it be possible for us to place our vending machines in the hallway?

**A:** It all depends... typically, vending machines are ok if they are open to the corridor. The facility must be sprinklered; and direct supervision or smoke detection must be provided. In addition the vending machines cannot obstruct the clear exit width of the corridor. In all cases, it would be wise for the provider to submit a narrative and small plan to the IDPH Life Safety Code Division for review prior to placing the machines.