

GENERAL WASTE DISPOSAL

vs. BIOHAZARD

- ▶ Paper, plastic, glass
- ▶ Food
- ▶ Blue pads
- ▶ Items such as diapers containing urine, feces, gastric contents
- ▶ Sanitary napkins
- ▶ Emptied urinary drainage bags
- ▶ Vials of saline/sterile water
- ▶ Emptied and rinsed containers that held any body fluids

Waste Stream Management



Continuous



Rx



Controlled Substance

UTILITY FAILURE

Oxygen/Other Medical Gases

- ▶ Supplied from central locations/warehouse.
- ▶ Know where the shut offs are in your area.
 - ▽ Must not be blocked
 - ▽ Must be accessible
 - ▽ Usually near nurses station
 - ▽ It is the responsibility of the *Nurse Manager, Respiratory supervisor or designee to see shut off valve is turned off in a fire situation.*
- ▶ Contact Plant Engineering if failure occurs.

Oxygen Cylinder Safety

- ▶ Should be safely stored with valves closed, in a carrier or rack (**No more than 12 full cylinders in a smoke compartment**).
- ▶ Damaged tank can act like a rocket or missile
O2 cylinders on wheelchairs or stretchers are considered working stock.

O2 cylinders must be stored in racks, not lying on
- ▶ floor, beds or hanging from hook.

CLINICAL ENGINEERING LABELS

Clinical Engineering Department
QA/PM Inspection Completed
Expires: _____
If expired, contact Clinical Engineering

Scheduled QA/PM not required.
For service, contact Clinical Engineering

Electrical Safety
Testing Passed

Items that are not inspected on a regular basis

Indicates confirmation testing and should not be removed until the equipment has left the medical center.

If the date on the label is expired **discontinue use** and contact Clinical Engineering.

Maintains an inventory of all medical equipment.

Clinical Engineering confirms the operational & electrical safety of all medical equipment (demo, loaner, rental).

Emergency Codes



CODE
BLUE

Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest (Adult or child)

- ▶ Medical Emergency somewhere in the hospital.
- ▶ Dial 22222 - Activate the Code Blue button
- ▶ The location is sent via pager and phone msg. to the code team. **This code is not announced.**
- ▶ The Code management is addressed under **Clinical Skills** (formerly called **Mosby Skills**)- *Code Management*
- ▶ Assist the Code team
- ▶ In non-hospital sites call 911

Emergency Codes



CODE
RED

Code Red - An announcement that indicates a possible fire, smoke condition exist that requires IMMEDIATE ACTION

- ➡ Dial 22222 – Report a code red. The location is announced with the code
- ➡ When a fire alarm is activated, this signals the switchboard & the Fire Department dispatcher
- ➡ **Follow R. A. C. E.**
 - ➡ **R-Rescue, A-Alert, C-Contain** (if possible),
E-Extinguish, Evacuate or Escape
- ➡ **Fire Extinguisher use P.A.S.S. –**
 - ➡ **P-Pull, A- Aim, S-Squeeze, S-Sweep**
- ➡ Elevators can be used at Edgewood if not in alarm. All other hospitals when cleared by the Fire Department.

Emergency Codes

CODE
PINK

Infant/Child Abduction

- ➡ St. Elizabeth has installed an infant alarm system to prevent infant abductions.
- ➡ Should a confirmed abduction occur, a “Code Pink” announcement will be made over the PA system.
- ➡ **During code pink, all available staff need to secure doors to exits and stairways and stay alert**
- ➡ Staff will follow the department plan as specified in their department section of the Disaster Plan.
- ➡ Non-Critical departments should have staff report any suspicious person/persons with infants/children or suspicious activity to Security immediately.



Baby is in
Pillowcase

Infant/Child abduction

**Call 22222
Immediately!**

Weather Emergency – Tornado Watch

**Tornado
Watch**

- National weather service or local TV station information indicates conditions in Kenton, Campbell, Boone or Grant County are capable of producing a tornado.
- Security will notify operator to make the announcement to activate the tornado watch. A computer screen will pop-up on all SEHC table computers with an alert to the weather condition.
- Monitor weather conditions for updates.
- Keep patients and visitors updated.
- Remain calm & alert for further information.



Weather Emergency – *Tornado Warning*

National weather service or local TV station has issued a tornado warning for Kenton, Campbell, Boone or Grant County. ***A tornado has been sighted.***

- ➡ Return to your department
- ➡ Close blinds and drapes for protection
- ➡ Cover patient with blankets/Turn bed away from windows
- ➡ Instruct ambulatory patients and visitors to take shelter in the bathroom
- ➡ Close all fire doors and unit doors
- ➡ If visitors-seek shelter in lower level hallway, keep them away from windows
- ➡ For personal safety, seek cover in areas such as med rooms, kitchen or interior spaces
- ➡ ***“Do not transport patients to other areas during a tornado warning”***
- ➡ During shift change for personal protection associates should consider remaining in the building

**Tornado
Warning**



External Disaster – Located on the Intranet in Policies/Procedure Emergency Plan/Emergency Operations Plan

An External Event involves an incident beyond the immediate boundaries of the hospital.

- Incidents resulting in a sudden arrival of a large number of casualties.
- Contaminated or contagious victims that seek emergency treatment.
- Other External Emergencies include snowstorms, utility outages, and tornadoes that may not impact the hospital directly, but impact the facility.

Preparation

Response

Information Sharing

Emergency Codes – Code Yellow

Exists when the hospital is expecting a large influx of casualties from community

- Security verifies information by contacting official agencies of the area.
- A Control Center for coordination of activity within the facilities will be activated which includes; contact with other area hospitals/community agencies within the disaster site if possible.
- All personnel should respond to their assigned hospital. Nursing staff may be recalled/called in as needed.
- Cancellation of Code Yellow will be announced by PBX operator as “ALL CLEAR.”



**CODE
YELLOW**

Emergency Codes – Code Orange

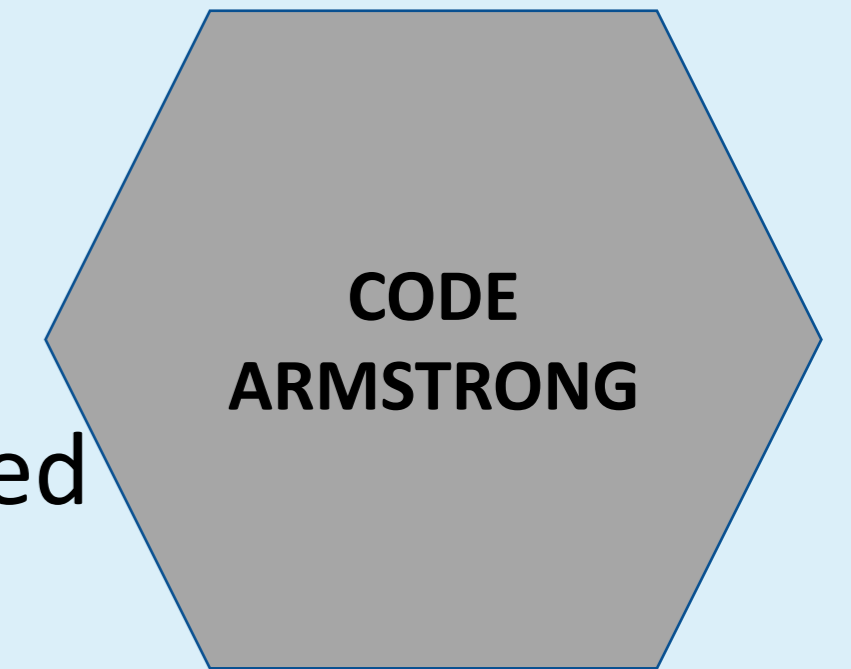
- Code Orange is used to describe a hazardous spill of known or unknown substance
- Each product that is hazardous must have a SDS supplied by the manufacturer
- This document has a variety of information including: How to handle spills
- Should a spill occur, the SPIL plan should be followed
 - S - Secure the Area
 - P - Protect those in the immediate area
 - from exposure
 - I - Inform others of the spill – **Call 22222**
 - L - Leave the clean-up to trained personnel
 - The department using the spilled substance will clean it up. We handle spills under 5 gallon. Over 5 gallon we would call the FD hazmat team.



**CODE
Orange**

Emergency Codes – Code Armstrong

- **Code Armstrong** – An announcement that staff is needed to respond to a hostile situation.
- **Call 22222**
- This may be activated in any area needing assistance.
- A Security officer and other assigned staff will respond to the area and provide needed support.
- Staff who have not been specifically trained to respond to a Code Armstrong should not attempt to intervene. This could escalate the situation and cause harm to self & others.
- When situation is under control an “All Clear” will be announced.



Call Security

**Security & trained
personnel will
respond**

Emergency Codes – Code Silver

- Code Silver – Armed persons have been sighted.
- Employees identifying the situation should immediately go to a safe area and contact 22222.

Follow instructions provided by Security

- If Code Silver is inside Hospital, Security will instruct operator to announce location of Incident.
- If evacuation of patients and visitors can be done safely by using the fire evacuation route, then every attempt should be made to do so.
- If patients & visitors cannot be safely evacuated, it will be necessary for staff to lock or close doors and shelter in place. (Remember Run-Hide-Fight)
- Employees not in the immediate area shall shelter in place.
- When police arrive, staff will assist under their direction.
- *If a patient requires movement, police must be notified.*

**Do NOT approach
or attempt to
disarm, contact
security 12270**

**CODE
SILVER**

Bomb Threat: Information received from “any” source that an explosive device may be/or is, placed in a facility.

Information Gathering

- Person receiving the threat should record as much data as possible
- Exact words of caller & time
- Sex of caller
- Speech traits
- Location of device
- Detonation time & type
- Background noises if discernible
- Look at display and write down phone number on screen/ask for help to retrieve phone number when caller hangs up

Notification – Call 22222. Offsite call 911

Person receiving the threat informs the Security Department who notifies operator to call the following

- Local police & fire, administrator on call, Director of Plant Engineering
- Other administrative personnel

Security

Notifies Nursing Supervisor who notifies all nursing units

“This information is not announced over the public address system, nor is any information given to an unauthorized person.”

Emergency Codes – ALL CLEAR!

- ***All Clear*** is announced to notify staff the emergency is over
- ***All Clear*** announcements are not utilized for code blue

CONGRATULATIONS

You have completed the
General Hospital Safety CBL.

PROCEED TO ASSESSMENT