150.002: ADMINISTRATION

(G) (3) All fires and all deaths resulting from incidents in a facility shall be reported immediately by telephone to the Department. On weekends or holidays, calls should be directed to the State House Capitol Police for relay to personnel on call. The verbal reports shall be confirmed in writing within 48 hours with specific information on injuries to patients, residents or staff, disruption of services and extent of damages. Injury to patients or residents as the result of fire shall be considered an incident under 105 CMR 150.002(G)(1) and shall be reported as indicated therein.

150.015: PATIENT COMFORT, SAFETY, ACCOMMODATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

...(D) Fire Protection.

(1) All fires shall be reported to the Department as specified in 105 CMR 150.002(G)(3).

(2) All facilities shall have an approved quarterly fire report in accordance with the M.G.L. c. 1, § 4.

(3) At least once a year, employees of the home shall be instructed by the head of the local fire department or his representative on their duties in case of fire and this noted in the facility's record.

...(10) No patients or residents shall be permitted to have access to lighter fluid or wooden household matches.

(E) Disaster Plan.

(1) Every facility shall have a written plan and procedures to be followed in case of fire, or other emergency, developed with the assistance of local and state fire and safety experts, and posted at all nurses’ and attendants’ stations and in conspicuous locations throughout the facility.

(2) The plan shall specify persons to be notified, locations of alarm signals and fire extinguishers, evacuation routes, procedures for evacuating helpless patients, and assignment of specific tasks and responsibilities to the personnel of each shift.

(3) All personnel shall be trained to perform assigned task.

(4) Simulated drills testing the effectiveness of the plan shall be conducted for all shifts at least twice a year.
156.300: Orientation Program

(A) An orientation program shall be given to all nurses’ aides within the first 40 hours of employment. The orientation program shall include the following:

...(10) explanation and practice regarding emergencies including:

(a) response to resident emergencies;

(b) fire;

(c) other disasters.