§ 209.7. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

(a) The facility shall have a comprehensive written disaster plan which shall be developed and maintained with the assistance of qualified fire, safety and other appropriate experts. It shall include procedures for prompt transfer of casualties and records, instructions regarding the location and use of alarm systems and signals and fire fighting equipment, information regarding methods of containing fire, procedures for notification of appropriate persons and specifications of evacuation routes and procedures. The written plan shall be made available to and reviewed with personnel, and it shall be available at each nursing station and in each department. The plan shall be reviewed periodically to determine its effectiveness.

(b) A diagram of each floor showing corridors, line of travel, exit doors and location of the fire extinguishers and pull signals shall be posted on each floor in view of residents and personnel.

(c) All personnel shall be instructed in the operation of the various types of fire extinguishers used in the facility.

§ 209.8. FIRE DRILLS.

(a) Fire drills shall be held monthly. Fire drills shall be held at least four times per year per shift at unspecified hours of the day and night.

(b) A written report shall be maintained of each fire drill which includes date, time required for evacuation or relocation, number of residents evacuated or moved to another location and number of personnel participating in a fire drill.

§ 201.20. STAFF DEVELOPMENT.

...(c) There shall be at least annual in service training which includes at least...fire prevention and safety, accident prevention, disaster preparedness...

§ 51.3. NOTIFICATION.
...(e) If a health care facility is aware of information which shows that the facility is not in compliance with any of the Department’s regulations which are applicable to that health care facility, and that the noncompliance seriously compromises quality assurance or patient safety, it shall immediately notify the Department in writing of its noncompliance. The notification shall include sufficient detail and information to alert the Department as to the reason for the failure to comply and the steps which the health care facility shall take to bring it into compliance with the regulation. (Editor’s Note: Under section 314 of the act of March 20, 2002 (P. L. 154, No. 13) (act), subsections (f) and (g) are abrogated with respect to a medical facility upon the reporting of a serious event, incident or infrastructure failure pursuant to section 313 of the act.)

(f) If a health care facility is aware of a situation or the occurrence of an event at the facility which could seriously compromise quality assurance or patient safety, the facility shall immediately notify the Department in writing. The notification shall include sufficient detail and information to alert the Department as to the reason for its occurrence and the steps which the health care facility shall take to rectify the situation.

(g) For purposes of subsections (e) and (f), events which seriously compromise quality assurance or patient safety include, but are not limited to, the following:

...(11) Significant disruption of services due to disaster such as fire, storm, flood or other occurrence...