388-97-1640 REQUIRED NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING.

(1) The nursing home must immediately notify the department’s aging and disability services administration of:

...(b) Any unusual event, having an actual or potential negative impact on residents, requiring the actual or potential implementation of the nursing home's disaster plan. These unusual events include but are not limited to those listed under WAC 388-97-1740 (1)(a) through (k), and could include the evacuation of all or part of the residents to another area of the nursing home or to another address...

388-97-1660 STAFF AND EQUIPMENT.

The nursing home must ensure that:

(a) Sufficient numbers of appropriately qualified and trained staff are available to provide necessary care and services safely under routine conditions, as well as fire, emergency, and disaster situations...

388-97-1740 DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

(1) The nursing home must develop and implement detailed written plans and procedures to meet potential emergencies and disasters. At a minimum the nursing home must ensure these plans provide for:

(a) Fire or smoke;
(b) Severe weather;
(c) Loss of power;
(d) Earthquake;
(e) Explosion;
(f) Missing resident, elopement;
(g) Loss of normal water supply;
(h) Bomb threats;
(i) Armed individuals;
(j) Gas leak, or loss of service; and
(k) Loss of heat supply.

(2) The nursing home must train all employees in emergency procedures when they begin and carry out unannounced staff drills using those procedures.

(3) The nursing home must ensure emergency plans:

(a) Are developed and maintained with the assistance of qualified fire, safety, and other appropriate experts as necessary;

(b) Are reviewed annually; and

(c) Include evacuation routes prominently posted on each unit.

74.42.460 ORGANIZATION PLAN AND PROCEDURES.

The facility shall have a written staff organization plan and detailed written procedures to meet potential emergencies and disasters. The facility shall clearly communicate and periodically review the plan and procedures with the staff and residents. The plan and procedures shall be posted at suitable locations throughout the facility.