

8.0 Emergency Preparedness

- 8.1 Nursing facilities shall comply with the rules and regulations adopted and enforced by the State Fire Prevention Commission or the municipality with jurisdiction.
- 8.2 Regular fire drills shall be held at least quarterly on each shift. Written records shall be kept of attendance at such drills.
- 8.3 Each facility shall develop and maintain all-hazard emergency plans for evacuation and sheltering in place.
- 8.4 The staff on all shifts shall be trained on emergency and evacuation plans. Evacuation routes shall be posted in a conspicuous place at each nursing station.
- 8.5 In the event of a facility evacuation, the evacuation plan shall, at a minimum, provide for the transfer or availability of resident medications and records.
- 8.6 Each facility shall submit with their annual license renewal an updated Division of Public Health Residential Health Care Facilities Emergency Planning Checklist, electronically if possible.