Long Term Care - Introduction to Facility Emergency Plans

Code Red - Fire
What is a “Code Red”

- **Code Red** is called when the fire alarm is activated and/or when smoke or fire is observed in the facility.

- The objectives of the plan include alerting staff and first responders of the fire by activating the fire alarm, removing residents and staff from danger, containing the fire and/or smoke and extinguish if it is safe to do so.

- A **Code Red** can lead to partial or full evacuation ([Code Green](#))
What to do if you Discover a Fire – R.A.C.E.

If you discover a fire or are alerted to a fire emergency in your immediate area carry out the following:

R- Rescue: Move residents, visitors and staff from immediate danger

A- Alarm: Sound fire alarm or assign co-worker to do so while you move residents. Once safe to do so, also ensure 9-911 has been contacted

C- Confine: Close all doors to prevent the spread of fire and smoke (activate red door tags as appropriate). If safe to do so, remove portable oxygen and/or other hazardous materials

E- Extinguish: Properly trained staff may attempt to extinguish the fire using portable fire extinguishers and the PASS method

*R.A.C.E. and S.C.A.T.E.E. (next page) are essentially the same processes and either can be implemented upon the discovery of a fire based on a site’s Code Red plan*
What to do if you Discover a Fire – **S.C.A.T.E.E.**

If you discover a fire or are alerted to a fire emergency in your immediate area carry out the following:

**S- Save** anyone in danger - direct, guide or assist residents out of the immediate area

**C- Contain/Confine:** Close all doors to prevent the spread of fire and smoke (**activate red door tags as appropriate**). If safe to do so, oxygen and/or other hazardous materials

**A- Activate Alarm**, if fire alarm has not been automatically triggered, trigger manually by pulling the lever on the nearest alarm pull station

**T- Telephone**, If the alarm system is not functioning properly, ensure 9-911 is called. Once safe to do so confirm that 9-911 has been alerted by calling 9-911

**E- Extinguish** if safe to do so - do an assessment yourself and determine if it is safe to attempt to extinguish the fire using the **PASS** method (DO NOT ENDANGER YOURSELF OR OTHERS)

**E- Evacuate**, if the fire can’t be extinguished or safety is endangered in the area, evacuate yourself and residents beyond the nearest fire door

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For Proper use of the Fire Extinguisher remember PASS

P – Pull the pin located in the extinguisher’s handle.
A – Aim the nozzle, horn or hose at the base of the fire.
S – Squeeze or press the handle.
S – Sweep from side to side at the base of the fire until it is out.

For more information of fire extinguisher placement and use see the following video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktrv34zW7-A
Know Your Facility

• You should know the location of the following fire related equipment and information in your facility, including but not necessarily limited to:
  ‣ Fire extinguishers
  ‣ Fire pull stations
  ‣ Fire doors
  ‣ Blue door lock override pull stations (in some sites)
  ‣ Fire exits
  ‣ Site All Hazards/Emergency Plan
Where to go to learn more!

- Site All Hazards Plan
- Supervisor
- [www.healthpei.ca/src/ltc](http://www.healthpei.ca/src/ltc)
- Contact Emergency Health and Planning Services – spdaley@gov.pe.ca
Thank you!