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# Welcome

## Fire Drills

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# Fire Drill - Healthcare

- **19.7.1.1** The administration of every health care occupancy shall have, in effect and available to all supervisory personnel, written copies of a plan for the protection of all persons in the event of fire, for their evacuation to areas of refuge, and for their evacuation from the building when necessary.
- **19.7.1.4\*** Fire drills in health care occupancies shall include the transmission of a fire alarm signal and simulation of emergency fire conditions.
- **19.7.1.6** Drills shall be conducted quarterly on each shift to familiarize facility personnel (nurses, interns, maintenance engineers, and administrative staff) with the signals and emergency action required under varied conditions.
- **19.7.1.7** When drills are conducted between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. (2100 hours and 0600 hours) a coded announcement shall be permitted to be used instead of audible alarms.





# Fire Drills - RBC

- **33.7.1.1** The administration of every residential board and care facility shall have, in effect and available to all supervisory personnel, written copies of a plan for protecting all persons in the event of fire, for keeping persons in place, for evacuating persons to areas of refuge, and for evacuating persons from the building when necessary.
- **33.7.3.1** Emergency egress and relocation drills shall be conducted not less than six times per year on a bimonthly basis, with not less than two drills conducted during the night when residents are sleeping, as modified by 33.7.3.5 and 33.7.3.6.
- **33.7.3.2** The emergency drills shall be permitted to be announced in advance to the residents.
- **33.7.3.3** The drills shall involve the actual evacuation of all residents to an assembly point, as specified in the emergency plan, and shall provide residents with experience in egressing through all exits and means of escape required by this *Code*.
- **33.7.3.6** If the board and care facility has an evacuation capability classification of impractical, those residents who cannot meaningfully assist in their own evacuation or who have special health problems shall not be required to actively participate in the drill. Section 19.7 shall apply in such instances.
- **3.3.65.1 *Impractical Evacuation Capability***. The inability of a group to reliably move to a point of safety in a timely manner.



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# When are Fire Drills Required

- Healthcare: 1 per shift per quarter
- Residential Board and Care: 6 times per year, bi-monthly, 2 at night – full evacuation
- 9pm – 6am
- Can be silent
- Must test the fire alarm system by noon the next day



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# Fire Drill Record Inspection

- Dates and times
- Fire alarm transmission verified
- Who activated the fire alarm
- How the drills are being performed





# Scenarios – Varying Conditions

- What happened
- Who did what

Scenario 1:  
Fire in laundry – Good job

Scenario 2:  
Smoking room 128. Staff smelled smoke responded with fire extinguisher. No fire

Scenario 3:  
Resident 12 got angry and decided to try to light their mattress on fire. He used a candle and burned the corner. A nurse found the resident with the candle and the linens were just starting the burn. The nurse ran over and started trying to smother it while yelling code fire. A CNA ran in, saw what was happening and went out into the hallway yelling code fire. The CNA pulled the pull station. Staff were running in from the other unit with fire extinguishers. Another nurse was trying to calm resident 13 who was screaming “what’s going on”. The first nurse gave an “all-clear”. But nobody knew how to reset the fire alarm. The fire alarm went off for about 20 minutes. Good drill





Questions?

