

Weather Emergency – *Tornado Warning*

National weather service or local TV station has issued a tornado warning for Kenton, Campbell, Boone or Grant County. ***A tornado has been sighted.***

- ➡ Return to your department
- ➡ Close blinds and drapes for protection
- ➡ Cover patient with blankets/Turn bed away from windows
- ➡ Instruct ambulatory patients and visitors to take shelter in the bathroom
- ➡ Close all fire doors and unit doors
- ➡ If visitors-seek shelter in lower level hallway, keep them away from windows
- ➡ For personal safety, seek cover in areas such as med rooms, kitchen or interior spaces
- ➡ ***“Do not transport patients to other areas during a tornado warning”***
- ➡ During shift change for personal protection associates should consider remaining in the building

**Tornado
Warning**



External Disaster – Located on the Intranet in Policies/Procedure Emergency Plan/Emergency Operations Plan

An External Event involves an incident beyond the immediate boundaries of the hospital.

- Incidents resulting in a sudden arrival of a large number of casualties.
- Contaminated or contagious victims that seek emergency treatment.
- Other External Emergencies include snowstorms, utility outages, and tornadoes that may not impact the hospital directly, but impact the facility.

Preparation

Response

Information Sharing

Emergency Codes – Code Yellow

Exists when the hospital is expecting a large influx of casualties from community

- Security verifies information by contacting official agencies of the area.
- A Control Center for coordination of activity within the facilities will be activated which includes; contact with other area hospitals/community agencies within the disaster site if possible.
- All personnel should respond to their assigned hospital. Nursing staff may be recalled/called in as needed.
- Cancellation of Code Yellow will be announced by PBX operator as “ALL CLEAR.”



**CODE
YELLOW**

Emergency Codes – Code Orange

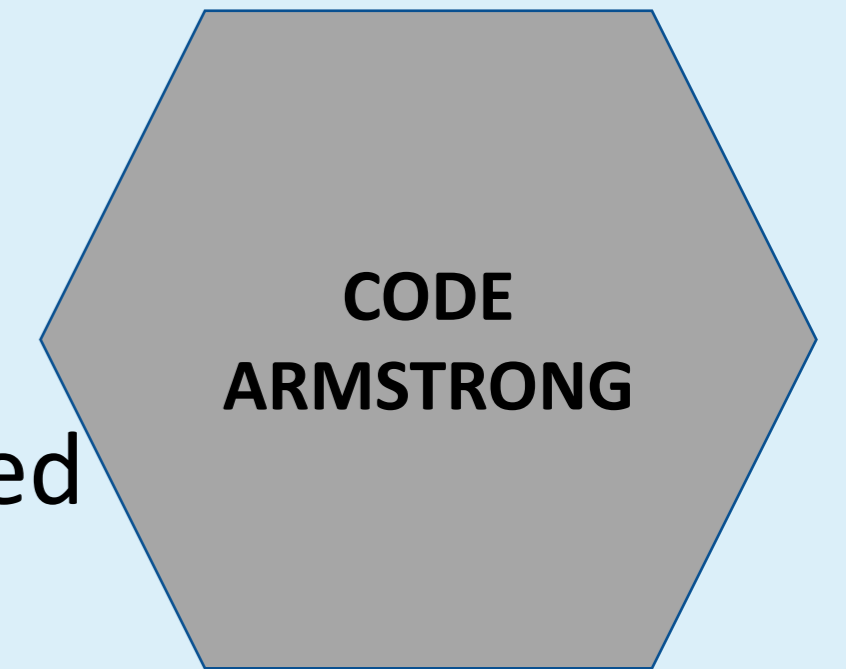
- Code Orange is used to describe a hazardous spill of known or unknown substance
- Each product that is hazardous must have a SDS supplied by the manufacturer
- This document has a variety of information including: How to handle spills
- Should a spill occur, the SPIL plan should be followed
 - S - Secure the Area
 - P - Protect those in the immediate area
 - from exposure
 - I - Inform others of the spill – **Call 22222**
 - L - Leave the clean-up to trained personnel
 - The department using the spilled substance will clean it up. We handle spills under 5 gallon. Over 5 gallon we would call the FD hazmat team.



**CODE
Orange**

Emergency Codes – Code Armstrong

- **Code Armstrong** – An announcement that staff is needed to respond to a hostile situation.
- **Call 22222**
- This may be activated in any area needing assistance.
- A Security officer and other assigned staff will respond to the area and provide needed support.
- Staff who have not been specifically trained to respond to a Code Armstrong should not attempt to intervene. This could escalate the situation and cause harm to self & others.
- When situation is under control an “All Clear” will be announced.



Call Security

**Security & trained
personnel will
respond**

Emergency Codes – Code Silver

- Code Silver – Armed persons have been sighted.
- Employees identifying the situation should immediately go to a safe area and contact 22222.

Follow instructions provided by Security

- If Code Silver is inside Hospital, Security will instruct operator to announce location of Incident.
- If evacuation of patients and visitors can be done safely by using the fire evacuation route, then every attempt should be made to do so.
- If patients & visitors cannot be safely evacuated, it will be necessary for staff to lock or close doors and shelter in place. (Remember Run-Hide-Fight)
- Employees not in the immediate area shall shelter in place.
- When police arrive, staff will assist under their direction.
- *If a patient requires movement, police must be notified.*

**Do NOT approach
or attempt to
disarm, contact
security 12270**

**CODE
SILVER**

Bomb Threat: Information received from “any” source that an explosive device may be/or is, placed in a facility.

Information Gathering

- Person receiving the threat should record as much data as possible
- Exact words of caller & time
- Sex of caller
- Speech traits
- Location of device
- Detonation time & type
- Background noises if discernible
- Look at display and write down phone number on screen/ask for help to retrieve phone number when caller hangs up

Notification – Call 22222. Offsite call 911

Person receiving the threat informs the Security Department who notifies operator to call the following

- Local police & fire, administrator on call, Director of Plant Engineering
- Other administrative personnel

Security

Notifies Nursing Supervisor who notifies all nursing units

“This information is not announced over the public address system, nor is any information given to an unauthorized person.”

Emergency Codes – ALL CLEAR!

- *All Clear* is announced to notify staff the emergency is over
- *All Clear* announcements are not utilized for code blue

CONGRATULATIONS

You have completed the
General Hospital Safety CBL.

PROCEED TO ASSESSMENT