

EMERGENCY PREPERATION:



IVH staff conduct fire extinguisher training.



IVH staff conducting a Disaster Drill with local community emergency responders.



CMS Standard...

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The *LTC facility* must develop and maintain an emergency preparedness communication plan that complies with Federal, State and local laws and must be reviewed and updated at least annually. The communication plan must include all of the following:
(8) A method for sharing information from the emergency plan, that the facility has determined is appropriate, with residents and their families or

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Iowa Veterans Home

Emergency Preparedness



FACT SHEET



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Safety Comes FIRST!

At the Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) Emergency Preparedness is one of the functions of the Safety Committee to ensure the safety of all during emergencies.

One of the first tasks with Emergency Preparedness is completing a Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) which identifies areas that need improvement. We mitigate any known weaknesses, and review our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). To further reduce safety hazards the committee conducts safety audits for all areas twice yearly.

At IVH we complete quarterly fire drills for all buildings and all shifts to ensure our staff are responding appropriately to fire emergencies. During a fire drill, staff will move residents out of the fire drill area to practice evacuation and complete fire plan responsibilities.

We complete annual tornado drills in the spring to ready ourselves for weather emergencies. During severe weather season, trained staff will shelter our residents in designated safe areas. In the event of an emergency, staff will guide you to the designated safe area.

Annually, we conduct a major disaster drill with our local community emergency responders to test our emergency response systems.

Other Emergency Operations Plan Annexes Include:

-Evacuation and “Sheltering in Place”

-Severe Weather

-Fire

-Crises Response Team

-Bomb Threat

-Bio-Terror Response

-HAZMAT

-Armed Intruder

-All Hazards

In the event that IVH would need to relocate residents, staff will implement the emergency plan to coordinate efforts with local, state and federal agencies.

Coordination with Other Available Resources:

-IVH has safeguards for procuring food and water in the event of an emergency.

-This plan is coordinated with community resources, the city, county, and state emergency management with planned drills and meetings.

-The EOP has procedures to care for the resident , including substance needs.

Role of the Family

-This fact sheet is available for all residents and their families.

-Family members can call the IVH Switchboard at 641-752-1501.

-Families will be notified about evacuations as soon as reasonably possible. Families may assist by offering shelter for their loved-one.

-Family members can meet the residents at a designated shelter location.

-Family members have the right to evacuate their loved-one on their own and move them to a special needs shelter, if they choose.