

449.74373 Preparations for disasters; reporting of fire or disaster

1.

Each facility shall develop a written plan for internal and external disasters which outlines procedures for members of the staff and patients to follow in case of fire or other emergency and provides for meeting the needs of patients if the facility must be evacuated or is damaged or destroyed.

2.

Each facility shall conduct fire drills at least monthly, and a written record of each drill conducted must be retained in the facility for not less than 1 year after the drill is conducted.

3.

A simple floor plan showing the routes for evacuating must be posted in prominent locations on each floor of the facility.

4.

The facility shall notify the Bureau of the occurrence of a fire or disaster in the facility within 24 hours after the facility becomes aware of the fire or disaster.

5.

Each facility shall conduct a disaster drill annually for each shift and retain a written record of the drill in the facility for not less than 12 months after the drill is conducted.

6.

Each facility shall adopt procedures to ensure that water is available to the essential areas of the facility if there is an interruption in the facility's normal supply of water.

7.

No room or space of a facility may be occupied for sleeping, living or dining that is accessible only by a ladder, by folding stairs or through a trapdoor.

8.

If a basement of a facility is used for living or dining, at least one exit must be provided directly to the outside at ground level. No facility may: (a) Be situated more than one story below the ground; and (b) Use any basement or space in a basement for sleeping.

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Each facility shall prohibit smoking within the facility and within 25 feet of the facility.