

PLANNING FOR A FULL EVACUATION (FBE)

FULL BUILDING EVACUATION

Hurricane Sandy in 2013 (11 hospitals and 58 long-term care facilities evacuated between NY and NJ), Tropical Storm Irene, the flood and wildfires in the Midwest and West Coast and the tornados in Moore, OK and Joplin, MO undeniably illustrate the critical need for Full Building Evacuation (FBE) plans at all medical facilities.



Winnipeg – March 2013: Arson Fire
92 Neonates, Infants & Children evacuated



New York City – January 2009: 480 patients relocated horizontally in a fire

This is **WHY**.

Internal relocation plans (e.g., fire plan) are designed to relocate patients in immediate danger to a safe area on the same floor. Although a last resort, any disaster could force a healthcare facility to totally evacuate its patients. A facility must have a pre-designed, functional plan in place.

RPA provides services to assess your current plan, design facility-wide and unit-specific procedures for partial or full evacuation, training of key leadership and department heads on the activation of the plan, and run exercises that test plan effectiveness.

ASSESSMENT AND PLAN DESIGN

RPA will design an FBE plan that will address the following:

- + Pre-determined evacuation locations that match patient acuity levels
- + Patient preparation and packaging procedures
- + Evacuation routes for each patient care area and vertical transportation methods
- + Rapid assessment tools for transportation needs from EMS and other agencies
- + Staging/holding areas through which patients flow as they leave the facility
- + Patient tracking forms, tools and documentation approaches
- + Special emphasis is provided for high acuity areas (ICU, NICU) and behavioral health.

TRAINING IN THE USE OF THE FBE

The FBE procedures will only be as effective as the staff is knowledgeable and trained to use the plan. Following the design of the FBE, RPA will provide training to include the procedures and techniques for vertical and horizontal evacuation.

DISASTER EXERCISES

A disaster exercise will focus on communications within the building, patient preparation, vertical movement and patient tracking. These exercises can be Tabletop, Functional or Full Scale based on the needs of the organization.

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