

## 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.



Internal relocation plans (e.g., fire plan) are designed to relocate residents 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 residents. 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 resident acuity levels
- + Resident preparation and packaging procedures
- + Evacuation routes for each resident care area and vertical transportation methods
- + Rapid assessment tools for transportation needs from EMS and other agencies
- + Staging/holding areas through which residents flow as they leave the facility
- + Resident tracking forms, tools and documentation approaches
- + Special emphasis is provided for high acuity areas (vents) and dementia secured

### 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, resident preparation, vertical movement and resident tracking. These exercises can be Tabletop, Functional or Full Scale based on the needs of the organization.

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